



## SIAN, TAIYUAN UNDER SERIOUS RED THREAT Crack Communist Troops In Formidable Advances MANCHURIA BATTLE

Shanghai, October 11.

Two important Nationalist-held provincial capitals were today under serious threat from formidable advancing Communist armies, according to pro-Government despatches.

These are Sian, capital of Shensi, against which Red general Peng Teh-hwei has launched a pincer movement, and Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, on which five Communist armies, totalling more than 100,000 men, are pushing.

General Hu Chung-nan, Commander-in-Chief in Shensi, and often referred to as President Chiang Kai-shek's closest military associate, is reported to be massing a large force around Sian to defend this historic and strategic city.

A strong Red column, striking out from its base in the mountains west of the Yen-an-Shan highway, is said to have reached Yachien and Chundun, 50 miles north and northwest of the capital, respectively, and to be preparing to cross the King river for a direct assault on Sian.

The battle for Taiyuan is at present centred around a townlet about 10 miles southeast of the capital, where General Hsu Yung-ching, the Nationalist Chief of Operations, arrived yesterday from Nanking to help General Yen Shih-shan, the Governor of Shansi, to direct operations.

### Violent Battle

Reports on the fighting in the Manchurian corridor were scanty today but indicated that a violent battle is proceeding only about four miles west of Chinchow, the main Nationalist city in the area.

In southeastern Suiyuan, the chief of Central News Agency said General Fu Tso-yi's cavalry units wiped out an entire 1,000-strength Communist brigade near Taiyuan, 70 miles east of Kwei-sui, capital of Suiyuan.

## Fighting In Luzon Claims 36 Lives

Manila, October 11.

At least 36 persons, including 21 Hukbalahap, were killed in a series of clashes, ambushes in raids in the Luzon trouble areas, while at least 20 civilians and Constabulary troops were wounded during the weekend.

Of 15 others killed, 10 were non-combatant civilians and five were men of the armed forces.

Seven civilians, including a young boy, a girl, two special policemen and four Huks, were killed while 10 other civilians were wounded when a large Huk band attacked the village of Balmarte in Gapan, Nueva Ecija Province, in an effort to get food, according to press despatches. The Huks withdrew after they were able to obtain a few carabao and a few sacks of rice.

An undetermined number of Huks ambushed a United States Army jeep on the Pasig-Calina highway, about 17 kilometers east of Manila, on Saturday night, killing one Filipino enlisted man in the U. S. Army and two civilians, whom the disidents robbed.

At least two other cars, carrying provincial officials, were also ambushed at the same spot, but managed to get away. The jeep

showed 54 bullet holes and the victims' bodies were badly mangled, indicating the intensity of the fire, which included a machinegun barrage.

The Huks were believed to have intended to ambush high-ranking national officials returning to Manila from a celebration in Binangonan in Rizal Province.

### 17 Killed

Reports from Bulacan said 17 Huks were killed and several wounded while four Constabulary men and three civilians were wounded in three separate encounters in Bulacan Province.

Near the town of Changan in Nueva Ecija, a band of about 300 Huks held up 40 passenger buses on the national highway and robbed 150 passengers of approximately 30,000 pesos worth of jewellery, merchandise, clothing, food, shoes and cash, but left all passengers otherwise unharmed.

Twenty men were reported kidnapped by Huks near the scene of the hold-up for refusing to give the Huks food.

In Quezon Province, a scout car was ambushed and one lieutenant and one Constabulary soldier killed and five soldiers wounded.

Three Constabulary companies were reported to be converging near the town of Alang in Nueva Ecija, where the Huk chief, Lul Taruc, is reported to have taken refuge.

Meanwhile, a nationwide man-hunt is reported to have started for the No. 2 Huk leader, Castro Alondrino, following rumours that he had arranged to leave the country by plane or ship—United Press.

No Slump in U.S.

## Cripps On Recovery, Rearmament Plans

London, October 11.

The present rearmament programme would not interfere materially with Britain's chance of economic recovery, but if further steps were taken, then the whole matter would have to be reconsidered, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told a questioner at a press conference today.

Sir Stafford reviewed his discussions with the United States and Canadian officials he met during the three-weeks' North American visit from which he returned last week.

He said that he had not formed an impression of the American attitude to further British rearmament and a revision of "our economic forecast" because he was not quite certain who would be in control in the United States if and when that stage of affairs should arise.

Speaking of his official and unofficial talks with the Americans, Sir Stafford said: "One of the useful aspects of my visit was that I was able to dispose of the misunderstanding which quite understandably surrounded the problem of British and European recovery."—Reuter.

## 4 Reported Dead In Kowloon Blaze

Bodies are still being excavated from the ruins of five wooden huts gutted by fire in the early hours of Sunday morning at Public Square Street.

Late last night four persons, including a four-month-old child, were reported dead and three women were detained in hospital suffering from severe burns and injuries sustained when they leaped from windows on to the road.

Two adults are still unaccounted for and it is believed

that they have also perished in the 70-minute blaze, which also damaged the adjacent coal and timber yards.

Property damage has not been estimated yet.

The body of one of the victims was removed from the debris of the huts which were said to have been selling aerated water and refreshments, early yesterday.

The others were extricated on Sunday.

The fire which was Kowloon's second major blaze—and the Colony's fourth—within two months originated from one of a row of five wooden huts and spread with such rapidity that in less than five minutes the whole row was alight.

The flames, fanned by winds, licked the adjacent coal yard and burnt a major portion of the yard and spread to a timber yard nearby.

Believed to have been caused by an overturned lighted kerosene lamp, the fire started at about 1.30 a.m. and the five appliances utilizing seven hoses controlled the flames after nearly an hour of desperate fighting.

### Splendid Work

Police officials of the Yau-matli Station, which was near the scene of the outbreak, did splendid rescue work and carried several children from the burning premises unscathed except for shock.

Shortly after their exit, the place was a veritable inferno, with flames spreading dangerously.

Minutes of dwellings nearby evacuated in panic, and several hundred people were seen in their haste. A woman sustained a dislocated hip in doing so and is still being detained in hospital.

Among the police officials present at the scene of the blaze, which illuminated the Yau-matli District for a radius of more than half a mile, were Divisional Superintendent E. C. Luscombe, Staff Officer Hale-Brown, Commanding Officers (Kowloon) K. A. Edmund, Inspectors T. J. Haggerty, J. R. Sykes, T. Dow and T. Collins.

Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour and Station Officer C. Coyne directed the fire appliances.

Boy Scouts of the 7th and 8th Troops assisted the police admirably. The Kowloon Military Fire Unit was also present.



This is the row of five wooden huts gutted by fire, believed to have been caused by an overturned lighted kerosene lamp in the early hours of Sunday morning. Behind the timber yard, which was damaged by the 70-minute blaze which illuminated Yau-matli District for a radius of more than half a mile—(China Mail) Photo.

## BRITISH WHITE PAPER BRANDS RUSSIAN AIMS

London, October 11.

Great Britain accused Russia today of trying to run the Western Powers out of Berlin, of keeping thousands of Germans in concentration camps, and of attempting to sabotage Europe's economic recovery.

The charges were laid down in a 40,000-word White Paper on the Berlin crisis negotiations in Berlin and Moscow.

In general terms, the statement duplicated that issued by the United States on September 27, but it was in greater detail, with conclusions which took in issues ranging from control of the mineral-rich Ruhr to Soviet claims for \$10 billion in reparations.

The British Paper said:

1.—The Soviet Government has no intention of reaching agreement (over Berlin), save on its own terms.

2.—Soviet authorities in Berlin have tolerated attempts by minority groups sympathetic to their aims to overthrow the legal municipal government of the city.

3.—Russia has embarked upon a carefully prepared attempt to compel the Western occupying powers to abandon under duress their rights in Berlin.

4.—Acceptance of Russian terms would mean immediate or progressive absorption of Western sectors of Berlin within the Soviet economy and whittling away of the rights and obligations of the Western occupying powers to a point where the whole city of Berlin was under exclusive Soviet domination.

5.—The document alleged Soviet authorities were violating in their zone fundamental personal and political freedoms prescribed by the Potsdam agreement.

"Within the Soviet zone, the population is not accorded freedom of speech or information," it said.

"The judiciary is not independent and thousands of people, including children, have been arbitrarily arrested and confined in concentration camps within the Soviet zone or deported to the Soviet Union."

"Skilled workers also have been forcibly removed to the Soviet Union. In addition, Soviet authorities have used pressure and discrimination against all political parties who oppose the Soviet Union Party, which is under Communist control."

6.—The Paper said differences between Russia and the Western Powers were aggravated by the Soviet refusal to participate in the European Recovery Programme and by its demand to participate in control of the Ruhr Valley.

"In the light of the Soviet attitude toward the European Recovery Programme," the document said, "it became clear the Soviet claim to participate in control of the Ruhr was, in fact, a claim to be allowed to sabotage the recovery of Western Europe."

In outlining the background of the Berlin dispute, the White Paper referred to the collapse of the Big Four Foreign Ministers' Council meeting in London a year ago and declared:

"The Soviet Government has come to regard that body as a forum for propaganda, rather than a forum for negotiation."

Since the Western Powers took the case to the Security Council, Russia has served notice she would refuse to participate in those discussions and called for return of the issue to the Foreign Ministers' Council. — Associated Press.

## UN Shocked At Truman Proposal

Paris, October 11.

United Nations delegates today still found it hard to believe that President Truman even contemplated sending a special emissary to Moscow.

They awaited anxiously the return of the US Secretary of State and delegation head, Mr. George Marshall, hoping he could reassure them in the midst of the United Nations' gravest crisis that he spoke unequivocally for American foreign policy.

The little powers of the Security Council postponed resumption of the debate on the Berlin crisis and apparently were waiting for two developments:

1.—A reply from Mr. Andrei Vishinsky, the Russian delegate, who was approached last week by Dr. Juan Braramula, the Council President, regarding possibilities of a compromise on the Berlin dispute.

2.—Mr. Marshall's return with the confirmation that there would be no behind-scenes bilateral deals between Russia and the United States, at least while the Berlin crisis is before the United Nations.

There is at present no prospect of a Council meeting before the middle, and perhaps the end-of-the-week. The United Nations' debate on the atomic energy control and Russia's proposal to cut world armaments one-third. The UN is, for all practical purposes, marking time until the Berlin situation is clarified.

The shock and dismay of delegates on Saturday over Mr. Truman's action were dispelled somewhat by Mr. Truman's latest statement and the Marshall press conference, but the incident was considered excellent grist for the Soviet propaganda mills.

The greatest concern was felt over the effect of the incident on France, where the ever-tortured Government has always been uncertain how much faith to put in the Americans.

The incident will make it more difficult for the French Government to keep its divided councils sufficiently united to maintain a tough policy towards Russia. — United Press.

## China Belies Hsu's Defence

Nanking, October 11.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Justice said in a formal statement that the claim of Hsu Chi-chuang, now fugitive in Hong Kong, that he was organized a political party against the National Government, was done in hopes of escaping extradition to Nanking.

Hsu, former General Manager of the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank, is arraigned there on corruption charges and the question of extradition is under negotiation in Hong Kong.

The British colony offers asylum to political but not criminal refugees.—Associated Press.

## Wheat Price Plan For Australia?

Sydney, October 10.

The New South Wales Government announced tonight that the state's wheat growers completed the national informal referendum which observers predict also assures the adoption of the wheat price stabilisation plan.

The plan which Government officials believe unique, is not related to any current international agreement, but experts point out it can be linked with any effective global scheme since the Government will be sole wheat exporters.

The plan replaces the war-time marketing controls of the Labour Government, lost by a referendum in May, 1946.

The stabilisation fund will be established by the tax of wheat exports applicable when the export price exceeds the guaranteed price.

Under the plan, the guaranteed price varies according to the index of production costs. In the event of a slump, the Federal Government guarantees the cost of production in which event the Government would probably sell the surplus domestically.

In the event of the continuing high export prices, the fund will be limited.

The Australian dairy people now have a similar plan, adopted in July and guaranteeing the price for five years.

The Farmers and Settlers' Association proposed the wheat plan of New South Wales.—United Press.

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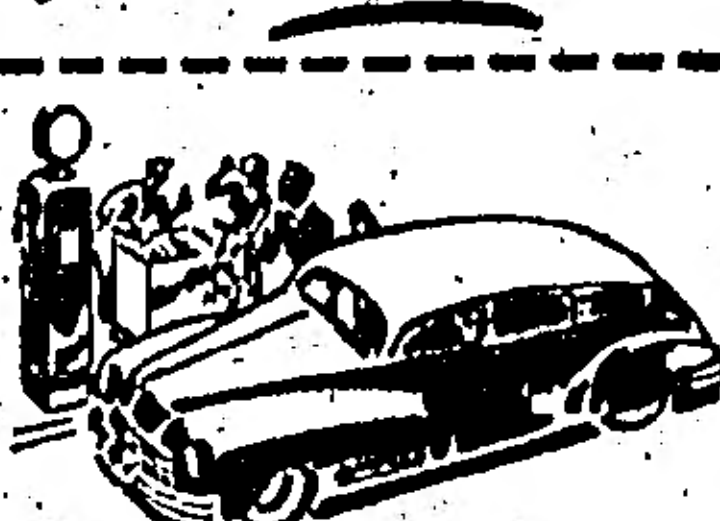
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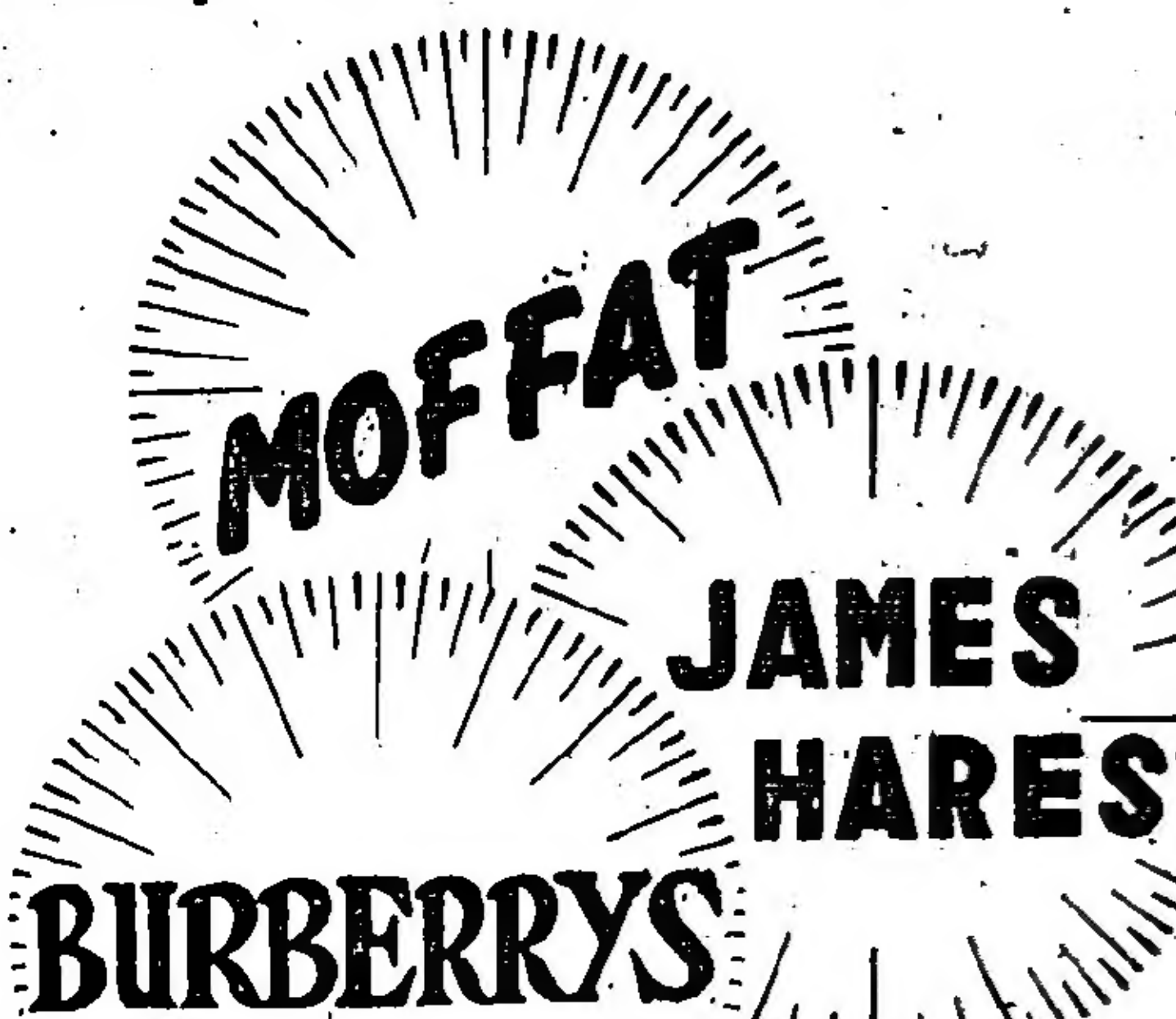
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## CHEUNG CHAU FERRY DISPUTE CONSIDERED

### Cheung Chau Celebrates Double Tenth

Cheung Chau Island was on a festive mood on Sunday when its native inhabitants joined their compatriots all over the world in celebrating China's National Day with an all day programme of activities.

In the morning, a mass meeting was held in a specially constructed matchless erected on the empty ground opposite the Pak Tai Temple. After the assembly had bowed three times before the photos of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the Founder of the Chinese Republic, and President Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Chu Pak-sang, Chairman of the Residents Association, spoke on the significance of the day.

A tea-party was held later in the day at the Association premises to which hundreds of guests, including many Europeans, were invited.

In the evening, a monster parade of lanterns of all shapes and sizes wended its way through the highways and byways of the island, to the amusement of the adults and the delight of the youngsters.

At the largely attended dinner party, given at the Ho Tai Sun restaurant by the Association, toasts were proposed to H. M. The King and the President of China.

The majority of the stores on the island were closed for business, while all the schools were decorated for the occasion. Special ferries were run both on Sunday and yesterday, and were packed to capacity by holiday-makers from Hong Kong. The two swimming beaches were also crowded.

The petition sent by the Cheung Chau Chinese Residents Association to the District Officer (South) is still under consideration, said Mr. J. T. Wakefield to a "China Mail" representative yesterday.

In its petition, dated October 1, the Association asked for the mediation of Mr. Wakefield in the dispute between the Association and the Ferry Company over the running of a direct service between the Island and Hong Kong, and the fixing of the fares for such a service.

Mr. Chu Pak-sang, the Chairman of the Association, pointed out that before the war, the Hong Kong & Yumail Ferry Co. Ltd., used to run such a service, with the fares fixed at 35 cents first class and 20 cents for the lower deck. The trip then used to take between 35 and 45 minutes, the petition stated.

At the present, it takes over two hours from Cheung Chau to Hong Kong, and vice versa, as the launches have to be diverted to Ping Chau Island and Mut Wo in the Silver Mine Bay area. The charge for such a trip, said the petition, are 80 cents and 60 cents or, proportionally, higher than the increases for other transport services, such as the buses and trams.

The question of fares, he said, is really a matter for the Hong Kong & Yumail Ferry Co. According to their terms of franchise, they have to submit any increases they intend to make to the Government, and it will either be sanctioned, altered, or permitted by Government.

The petition went on to say that the time taken for the trip inversely affects the popularity of Cheung Chau as a holiday resort, as well as being detrimental to the business interests of the island.

Referring to the new scales of fares proposed, namely, \$1.20 and 90 cents, the petition stated that these were unreasonable and entirely disproportionate to the value of the service. An increase of between 20 and 25 per cent, according to the petition, was equitable.

The Association further suggested that the ferry concern could run a direct service between the two islands twice daily (morning and afternoon) with two indirect services during the day.

Mr. Wakefield said that he did not know what he could do about the matter as it was really a controversy between the Cheung Chau Association and the ferry people.

He added that such a service would be a boon to the traders there as it would give the merchants a couple of hours extra in Hong Kong to conduct their business.

It would not then, he said, be imperative to ask whether there were two extra hours or not worth the 40 cents additional fare. Surely, said Mr. Wakefield, the extra profits made during that time would more than compensate.

### Personalia

Among the passengers who left for Saigon on Sunday by Air France were Mr. and Mrs. Duerst, M. Laurent, H. Perrin, J. Isaac, Raymond Salgot and Mrs. E. Doust.

Arrival from Indo-China by Air France on Sunday included Messrs. M. R. Kishinchand, M. Farina, M. Doustin, M. Acocik, M. Grott and M. Girodroux.

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Mrs. Robert Gordon will give the first in a series of five lectures and demonstration on flower arranging at the YWCA, Duddell Street, this afternoon at 3 p.m.

Mrs. Gordon's subject will be "Hard times with flowers". Mrs. Gordon will suggest how to use what you have or what you can purchase in the local markets.

The next talk and demonstration will be given by Mrs. Arthur Chase and Mrs. A. J. Staple. Mrs. Chase will be remembered for her charming arrangement last spring. Mrs. Staple will talk on "Arrangements for small rooms."

### FUNERAL OF PROFESSOR LO

The funeral of Professor Lo Koon-wai of South China's Lingnam University took place at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam, yesterday.

Professor Lo, who lectured at the Northcote Training College last year, was one of the founders of the Sino-British Club in Hong Kong.

Born at Hangchow, he graduated from the Lingnam University and undertook postgraduate studies at Cambridge and in America.

He was 52 years old and unmarried.

He leaves behind a mother and two brothers—one at the Pokfulam University Medical College and one at Lingnam University.

### RO SEIZE GOLD YUAN SURPLUS

A total of 870 Chinese gold yuan was seized by revenue officers from three Chinese travellers, from Canton when the newly-arrived luxury vessel Lee Hong arrived here on Sunday.

The amount—G\$1, G\$20 and G\$730, respectively—was more than the G\$20 permitted per person to be taken into the Colony.

On board the ss. Wuich on the Macao-Hong Kong run, officers seized 1,395 Chinese gold yuan from a Chinese shortly after the arrival of the vessel.

### UNIVERSITY NOTES

#### Election Campaign

As students began to settle down last week to the daily grind of lectures, the first activity that occupied to divert their attention was the competition for the posts of President and Secretary of the Union.

Candidates for President are Mr. Jit Thye, Eric Ho and Mr. Bak Shu, while those for the post of Secretary are Arthur Yu and Peter Wong.

The university has been busy with excitement, especially the Arts and Engineering students, who had more time to spare for these social activities than the Medical and Science students. Proposals have been busy trying to impress on every one the sterling qualities of their candidates, and vote-getting propaganda has been flowing rapidly.

Eric Ho was Union Secretary for two years, and it is insisted that he must make an excellent President, while others try to persuade their hearers that Ng Jit Thye, third year Engineering student and President of the Union for the last two years, should not have his able work left unfinished.

Last year's elections for these posts were accompanied by rallies in the streets, with flying banners and so on, and at the time of writing, just as much excitement is expected this year.

### ADMIRAL CHAN ARRIVES IN HK

Admiral Sir Chan Chak and Lady Chan Chak arrived here from Canton on Sunday by C.F.A.C. plane. They were met at the airport by Chinese officials and many friends.

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### Cinema Prices

Sir—I would like to say how much I agree with the remarks made by your correspondent in today's Mail re. the charges in respect of children for admission to cinema.

I suppose there must be no upward of parents like myself who have to think twice before taking out family to the cinema, or how about it "Price Controller" what about giving the kiddies a quiver deal?

While on the subject of cinema, I think we got very poor value for our money. In U.K. we get two feature films, a News and usually a couple of Shorts, and for half the price. Perhaps I shouldn't compare U.K. prices, but I do think we could be given better value.

Another grouse I have is the American News Film. I really think its about time a British News was shown in Hong Kong. I really feel quite sick watching the American News, only this week we saw what the Americans are doing in the Berlin crisis, as per usual. Bathing beauties, not that I don't enjoy seeing the beautiful dames, and of course, we always see what the Americans are doing about the Blockade in Berlin.

I would like to see what the British are doing in the present crisis, also. Although we are carrying 45% of the cargo in the Air lift operation, we see nothing about it. The American News does not give us an Honorable mention. I feel sure there is something wrong with our foreign relations department. I am sure being made in Britain today, stuporous efforts are being made to recover from the ravages of war, production is breaking all pre-war records, exports are being built, in any country in the world, the launching of the new Social Insurance Scheme.

That is news, real news. Let us tell our Chinese friends about it. Tell the world that Britain has never been greater than she is today. Yet when we go to the cinema, we see what the Americans are doing in Germany, we see there beautiful bathing beauties, the halabaloos of their elections etc., and all that in a British Colony, when Britain is fighting for her very existence. Having got that off my chest, I think I will go to bed.

C. H. LLOYD.

### Harlech Road

Sir—"Common Sense" was a most unfortunate nom de plume to choose, since little sign of this was displayed in his letter. Unless he himself was the driver of the car he is in no position to dispute the statements of the only witnesses on the spot at the time.

As regards repairs to Harlech Road, surely the policy of our present Socialist Government at home, and to a lesser extent that of the Government here, should have taught "Common Sense" that it is not in the interests of the community to spend large sums of public money to make motor roads for four or five residents. Whilst on this subject, a scheme which should be given priority is the widening of the road round Mount Kellett, from the War Memorial Hospital to the Matilda Hospital.

What is going to happen when patients have to be rushed by ambulance to the Matilda Hospital? I suppose to think. One-way traffic on this road cannot be introduced due to the angle at which the various drives from flats and residences join the road. This is a pressing and worthy scheme, and one which would benefit the community as a whole, and as such should receive urgent priority.

HIKER.

### Clash-Out Wanted

Sir—With reference to your correspondent "John Ward" on the subject of prostitutes in dance-halls, I agree that the state of affairs in this connection is serious, and that something should be done about it.

The citizens of Kowloon are not blind to the disgraceful state of affairs going on night after night. It is not safe for a decent girl to walk along unaccompanied after 9 p.m. without being mistaken for one of the kind, and the noises created by these dance-halls are very similar from a devil's town.

I do not agree that the girls need, except for some isolated cases, any sympathetic consideration, and in the case of "A" mentioned, they do not go in for pleasure. Some of these girls are making more money than one would have thought at \$25-\$50 per engagement. Try asking a pickpocket for the price for a nice girl to take to you may be asked at the figure asked, but what it is to a gold-carrying man out on land for a spree.

What we need to solve the problem is to clean them all out to the district where they once belonged, and give us a decent place to live in peace and quietude.

SOLVED.

### Reminders

Today

1. Fantomine Rehearsal (singing & musical plays) European, 8 p.m.

2. Crown Land Sale, P.W.D. Office, 3 p.m.

3. Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

4. H.K. Rotary Club, talk on "Rio Convention," by Fung Ping-tan, 8 p.m.

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### Result Of Inquest

As the result of an inquest held before Mr. F. C. A. Almeida, a Central on October 9, concerning the death of a three-month-old baby, The Mul-ti-widow, who was charged with abandoning her child, was yesterday discharged by the same magistrate.

The prosecution, conducted by Inspector Andrade, told the magistrate that he had been instructed not to press the case. It was reported that the highest that defendant managed to get was a few years' sentence, but was not given, as the child was a few years' child, the case was not pressed.

The magistrate, however, by dispensing with the case, was not satisfied that there was any real danger to the child, and he was not satisfied that the child was a few years' child, the case was not pressed.

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## KCC Draw With HKCC XI For Memorial Shield

Falling short of 32 runs to win the first of the series of half-yearly cricket matches for the Hancock Memorial Shield, KCC draw with HKCC at Cox's Path yesterday in two innings. Continuing the two-day match from Saturday when HKCC declared at 253 runs for eight wickets in the first innings, KCC scored 226 runs yesterday. After tea, HKCC made 85 runs for six wickets and closed their second innings, giving KCC to bag in 113 runs for victory in the last hour.

The home team, batting in new order, made 81 runs for five wickets with E. C. Fletcher and G. E. Taylor not out when stumps were drawn at 6.30 p.m.

Starting the test on Saturday afternoon, L. D. Kilbee, HKCC skipper, won the toss and elected to bat first. With a spectacular partnership with A. Panton put up 112 runs—one hour and 32 minutes after the start—when Panton was caught by E. C. Fletcher off Colledge after a steady knock of 44 runs.

Kilbee retired at 102, including nine boundaries, after hitting out for nearly 145 minutes. The HKCC score was then 205.

N. Oliver went in after his skipper and chalked up 57 runs when J. Barrow bowled him out.

**Wickets Start Falling**

The wicket began to fall at regular intervals after Oliver's exit, and when stumps were drawn at 6.30 p.m., HKCC declared at 253, including only four byes, for eight wickets.

With bright sunshine and steady breeze, KCC opened their first innings yesterday with Fletcher and Colledge. KCC's opening batsmen faced the steady onslaught of the visitors' bowlers, W. L. Howard and T. P. Mahon, with runs trickling in.

Batting for nearly two hours, Fletcher knocked out 10 runs, including five boundaries, before being dismissed by Mahon off Howard.

Colledge had a batting spree of 71 minutes during which time he scored 50 runs, including eight boundaries. He was beaten by one of D. McLehann's "flights" and was dismissed out by KCC's spin bowler, R. H. Hughes.

Colledge was HKCC's first wicket. The score was then 101 runs for one wicket.

Good fielding accounted for five KCC wickets which followed after S. C. Truman's duck.

The last end, however, made a magnificent stand in a partnership between G. E. Taylor and C. P. Smith, both putting up 33 runs before Taylor (28) was bowled by Mahon.

On the bowling side, McLehann took 12 wickets in 14 overs, which included two maiden overs, for 39 runs. Howard opening the attack had two caught out.

After tea, HKCC started their second innings with Oliver and Leach. Oliver succumbed to R. E. Lee's second over's first ball, after which he was caught by Hughes.

Miller replaced Oliver and in 22 minutes put up 22 runs before he was caught by Truman at deep mid-off.

The first hour of the HKCC innings saw 79 runs for six wickets when McLehann was caught out by a brilliant knee-level catch by Taylor at deep mid-off.

The island club declared at 85 runs for six wickets at 5.18 p.m., putting in KCC for the last decisive hour to make 113 runs for victory.

### KCC Opens

KCC opened with White and Colledge, who made 14 runs before he was caught by Hughes. HKCC keeper, off McLehann again. Good length deliveries by Howard, Mahon and McLehann kept the batsmen at their respective wickets. McLehann took three wickets for 16 runs in six overs.

Stumps were drawn at 6.30 p.m. with the KCC score at 81 runs for five wickets.

The Shield, subscribed for by members of the KCC in memory of Mr. H. R. B. (Dick) Hancock, will remain with the HKCC for three months. The HKCC will keep it for the following three months after which the second inter-club test will be played.

Mr. V. C. Labrum, vice-chairman of the KCC, addressing the teams after the game, congratulated HKCC skipper, Kilbee, for his fine performance.

The results were:  
HKCC (1st Inn):  
A. Panton, c. Randall, b. Colledge, 102  
N. Oliver, b. Barrow, 57  
D. H. Leach, b. Taylor, 13  
W. L. Howard, b. Taylor, 13  
R. H. Hughes, c. Barrow, b. Colledge, 17  
S. C. Truman, b. Colledge, 10  
T. P. Mahon, b. Colledge, 7  
D. McLehann, not out, 6  
W. L. Howard, not out, 0  
H. Hughes, did not bat  
Extras (byes) 4

Total 253 wks. (declared) 253  
Bowling Analysis:  
G. E. Taylor 23 3 75 4  
R. E. Lee 11 2 22 1  
J. Barrow 12 1 45 1  
C. P. Smith 6 1 35 1  
W. L. Howard 9 2 20 0  
C. P. Smith 9 2 20 0  
KCC (1st Inn):  
E. C. Fletcher, c. Miller, b. Howard, 40  
D. McLehann, c. Hughes, b. Howard, 58  
S. C. Truman, b. McLehann, 0  
J. Barrow, c. Franklin, b. Howard, 4  
Capt. D. M. Webb, b. McLehann, 19  
E. Randall, c. Miller, b. McLehann, 5  
R. E. Lee, c. Hughes, b. McLehann, 8  
D. H. Leach, c. Hughes, b. McLehann, 10  
V. H. White, c. Howard, b. Kerr, 12  
W. L. Howard, c. Kilbee, b. McLehann, 24  
G. E. Taylor, b. Mahon, 25  
C. P. Smith, not out, 33  
Extras (byes no ball) 19

Total 226

Bowling Analysis:  
W. L. Howard 16 2 49 2  
T. P. Mahon 15 5 34 1  
R. E. Lee 6 1 34 1  
D. McLehann 14 2 30 0  
C. P. Smith 5 1 27 0  
D. H. Leach 4 1 13 0  
N. Oliver 4 1 11 0

HKCC (2nd Inn):  
N. Oliver, c. Bond, b. Lee, 6  
D. H. Leach, b. Smith, 10  
K. Miller, c. Truman, b. Lee, 22  
V. H. White, b. Smith, 12  
A. Panton, not out, 12  
W. L. Howard, c. Colledge, b. Lee, 6  
D. McLehann, c. Taylor, b. Smith, 5  
T. P. Mahon, not out, 3  
L. D. Kilbee, R. H. Hughes, and R. W. Franklin—did not bat.  
Extras (byes) 6

Total 85 wks. (declared) 85

Bowling Analysis:  
Lee 10 3 31 3  
Taylor 2 1 12 1  
Smith 8 2 24 3  
KCC (2nd Inn):  
V. H. White, c. Kilbee, b. McLehann, 1  
W. L. Howard, c. Hughes, b. McLehann, 14  
C. P. Smith, c. Franklin, b. McLehann, 13  
G. E. Taylor, not out, 29  
R. E. Lee, b. McLehann, 2  
V. C. Bond, b. Panton, 15  
E. C. Fletcher, not out, 4  
W. D. M. Webb, J. Barrow, Randall and Truman did not bat.  
Extras (Byes) 6

Total 5 wks. (declared) 81

Bowling Analysis:  
Howard 3 1 15 1  
Mahon 7 1 10 1  
McLehann 6 1 16 3  
Kerr 2 1 10 1  
Panton 1 1 7 1

Extras (Byes) 6

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## KCC Address



Mr. V. C. Labrum, Vice-Chairman of KCC, addressing members of KCC and HKCC teams after the two-day match for the Hancock Memorial Shield, which ended in a draw. (China Mail Photo)

## S'hai Portuguese Lose Last Match To HK Bowlers

The Shanghai Portuguese Lawn Bowls Interport Team completed its programme of matches in the Colony on Sunday, losing its last match by a single shot. The score of the last game was 17-16 in favour of Hong Kong.

During their stay in the Colony, the visitors played six matches, three of which were official interport matches between Portuguese players of Shanghai and Hong Kong. Shanghai won two of the three games.

Sunday's game was played at King's Park. Hong Kong scored a single shot on the first head. Shanghai, however, took the lead on the three following heads and led by 8-1 on the fourth.

Two studies on the fifth head by Hong Kong reduced the lead to 8-3.

At the end of 11 head Shanghai was leading 11-5. On the last four heads Hong Kong chalked eight shots to lead 13-11.

Shanghai scored a single on the following head. Hong Kong increased the lead to 17-12 on the 18th head. The 18th was a dead head. The 20th head score was 17-13 in favour of Hong Kong.

Needing five to win on the last head, Shanghai just managed to score three shots. Rozo-Perreira took the shot. Shanghai had three back woods when Sousa, Shanghai's No Three, trailed the jack.

Following are the results of all the lawn bowls games played in the Colony by the Portuguese team from Shanghai:

Shanghai lost to Recreation Committee 11-14.  
Lost to Club Lusitano on two points 15-10, 15-20.  
Beat Hong Kong Portuguese 21-13.  
Lost to Recreation's Second Division Rink 17-18.  
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## Boston Braves Blast Feller Off Mound, Beat Indians 11 To 5

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Bouncing from behind with a barrage of hits, Boston Braves beat Indians 11-5 today in the fifth game of the World Series before 86,288 fans—the largest crowd ever to see a game of baseball.

By winning their second game after Indians had taken three in a row, Braves kept their Series hopes alive. Indians now need to win only one more game to take the series.

Two fellows who had failed Braves before came through with sterling performances. The first was big Bob Elliott who until Sunday had been a candidate for goat of the Series. He started Braves off with a booming three-run homer in the first.

Again in the third Elliott stepped to the plate and leaped heavily into one of Bob Feller's fast pitches for a homer. Elliott's was the big artillery in a 13 hit barrage climaxed when Braves put over six runs in a wild seventh inning.

Co-starring with Elliott was lean Warren Spahn, smooth working southpaw, who pitched five and one-third relief innings in which he yielded no runs and just one hit.

Today's pull-meet game was in sharp contrast to yesterday's pitching battle, in which Indians' five-and-ten-cent-store pitcher, Steve Gromek, hurled his team to a narrow 2-1 victory by allowing only seven hits.

**Homer To Start**  
Braves' Bob Elliott started off with a bang in the first with a homer to right field, scoring Tommy Holmes and Avlin Dark who had singled. Indians also scored a run when Mitchell homered.

Indians rolled up four runs in the fourth. Gordon singled to right field and Keltner walked, as pitcher Warren Spahn began warming up to replace Nelson Potter. Judnich singled to centre, scoring Gordon, and Keltner took third. Robinson lined to Dark, the runners holding.

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## Prizes Handed Out At Yacht Club

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club held a prize-distribution ceremony at Kelt Island yesterday evening. A large number of guests attended the occasion which was a special event in the history of the club.

Lady Grantham distributed the prizes as follows:  
Jubilee Summer Championship: 1st Mr. Crosbie, of the "Minstrel"; 2nd Mr. Beeching of the "Melody."

Star Summer Championship: 1st Mr. Yotteroff, 30 points; 2nd Mr. Hones, 35 points.  
Dinghy Summer Championship: 1st Mr. Hones, 108 points; Mr. Corbett, 105 points.

Ladies Dinghy Summer Championship: 1st Mrs. Hones; 2nd Miss Savellet.  
Greater Challenge Cup: 1st Mr. Wilnot-Morgan of the "White Heron"; 2nd Mr. Croucher of "La Cigale II."

Dragon Challenge Cup: 1st Mr. Cooke of the "Ecstasy"; 2nd Mr. Sedgewick of the "Vanessa."

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## All Celebrate Double Tenth

China's National Day—the 37th anniversary of the Chinese Republic founded by Dr. Sun Yat-sen—was commemorated throughout Hong Kong on Sunday.

Mass meetings were held at different parts of the Colony, in schools, factories, theatres and open spaces by Chinese cultural, educational commercial and labour organisations.

Chinese political parties, including the exiled and outlawed, also held private meetings to celebrate the occasion.

Most of the vernacular newspapers were printed in red—a colour which to the traditional Chinese means good luck and prosperity—but the theme of the editorials was totally different from the majority.

All shops and offices were closed for the day. Chinese Kuomintang-Nationalist flag was hoisted from many buildings.

More than 3,000 people attended the meeting at the King's Theatre on Sunday morning. They were addressed by Mr. Li Tai-chiu, Director of the Kuomintang bureau for Hong Kong and Macao.

### Labour Meeting

The newly-formed Hong Kong Labour Federation of Labour held a mass meeting at the Southern Playground, Wanchai. Labour leaders addressed a large crowd over a loud-speaker system. At the same place later in the day, a mass meeting was held by the Hong Kong Seamen's Union.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce celebrated the anniversary at their offices on Connaught Road Central.

The celebrations in the Colony ended in the evening with banquets at well known restaurants, and parties and dance at various clubs.

### HOW MANY MAKE A MASS?

The Chinese mass wedding fashion is dying rapidly.

Only one couple turned up on Sunday at a ceremony sponsored by the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce.

More than two months ago, the Chamber of Commerce campaigned for its annual mass wedding the object of which is to encourage marriages and economic on wedding expenses.

During the two months two couples registered. The wedding date was fixed for the Double Tenth—China's National Day.

On Sunday, one couple did not turn up because of "personal business in Canton".

Undismayed, Mr. Robert Der, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, performed the marriage ceremony in the presence of the Chamber's Committee and more than 100 spectators.

### BURGLAR GETS HARD LABOUR, BANISHMENT

Lee Ping, aged 34 of no fixed abode was charged before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with committing burglary in the early hours of June 17 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. K. Watson. One radio set was stolen.

Admitting the offence and with one previous conviction, Lee was sentenced to a total of two and a half-years' hard labour and to be banished at the expiration of sentence.

According to Inspector Bodie, defendant broke into the residence of Mr. Watson at about 4.40 a.m. on the morning of June 17 by forcing a window pane in a rear window of the house.

The noise awoke Mrs. Watson who informed her husband. Pursued, the burglar dashed away and took with him a small radio valued at \$150.

A cigarette case used in jarring the window was left behind by the burglar, the finger prints from which tallied with those found on the door handle.

On October 2, Lee was arrested in Cumberland Road, he was brought to the station and charged with loitering with intent to commit a felony.

A check of his finger prints revealed that he was responsible for the burglary at Island Road.

### Sequel To Fatal Smash

As a sequel to a fatal motor accident on July 31 in which Miss Maureen Pearson was killed, a summons was issued against George Guest of No. 5 Kent Road, Kowloon Tong, and Norman Egan of 28 Prince Edward Road, for driving their motor cycles in a manner dangerous to the public.

Egan came before Mr. W. H. Limer at Kowloon yesterday and entered a plea of not guilty and November 2 at 11.30 a.m. was fixed for the hearing of the case.

### SCHOOL OF MANNERS FOR BUS CREWS?

A School of Manners for bus conductors and drivers should be listed as a top priority in Kowloon, said a Kowloon resident to a "China Mail" representative recently when discussing bus traffic on the Peninsula.

Since their last successful strike, and ever since they had a football team, the bus employees appear to be under the impression that they own the company and the public as well, said the informant.

The conductors are particularly bad, and do not seem to know the first principles of ordinary manners. They do not ask a passenger for the fare but simply demand it in the most brusque manner. School children, country folks, and the aged appear to be the favourite but for their warped conception of a joke.

Whenever they see one of these people getting on to the vehicle they would signal the driver to go, with the result that some of the would-be passengers had either to scramble on to the bus (with the assistance of some kindly passenger) or else cling on for dear life.

### Sudden Jerk

At other times, the conductor (known as the King of the Bell), would give the "go" signal before a passenger had definitely got into the bus. The sudden jerk of the vehicle would pitch the person forward, to the "amusement" of the driver.

"Try and ask a conductor where a certain street is and see what you get," said the informant. "I have heard visitors, European and Chinese, asking to be told when to get off, and all they got was a scowl and a 'Ng chi doe' (don't know)."

As to the drivers, the informant voiced the opinion that the traffic department should take action against the whole lot of them. The "Buses stop here" signs, he said, are nothing more than a farce, as when a driver feels like overtaking the vehicle in front he simply ignores the sign altogether.

"I am not quite sure," he said, "but I think there is a regulation somewhere making it compulsory for all buses to stop at these stops, irrespective of whether there is anyone getting off or on or not. It further enacts that where a bus, in a long queue, should stop some distance away from a regular stop it has to stop when it reaches the sign."

### Most Aggravating

It is most aggravating, he said, to wait for a certain bus and then to see it passing on the offside of a long line of vehicles. It means, in the case of Kowloon

Tong and Waterloo Road routes, another wait of 10 minutes or more.

Another complaint against the bus service was voiced by an old Kowloon resident. Some years ago, he said, when they had two bus companies operating on the Mainland, the service was considerably better although the number of vehicles was less.

Nowadays, one never knows when a certain bus is to move off from the terminus. Although the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. has a time-table of a sort, one seldom finds it being kept. If either a driver or a conductor is too busy talking at the Star Ferry terminus, then the bus is held up even though it is packed to capacity.

Along the roads, he said, one often finds two or three buses on the same route, and then an interval of about 20 minutes. "That's a bus service for you," he sighed.

### Sunday Rush Of Smokers

Chan Po-wah was entertaining eight customers in a cockpit when the law paid him a Sunday visit.

He was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, with keeping an opium divan and being in possession of prepared opium.

Inspector J. Oram said that this divan in the ground floor of 8 Hamilton Street had been raided once before.

Chan was sentenced to three months and \$600 or another three months.

Four smokers who were on \$100 bail were fined \$45 each. The other four were each fined \$35.

### Three Months

Buto Huen got three months and \$500 or another three months for keeping a divan on the roof of 131 Temple Street.

Five Sunday visitors, who were charged with smoking opium, were fined. A fine of \$45 was imposed on two of them on bail of \$100. The other three were fined \$35 each or in default, one week's imprisonment.

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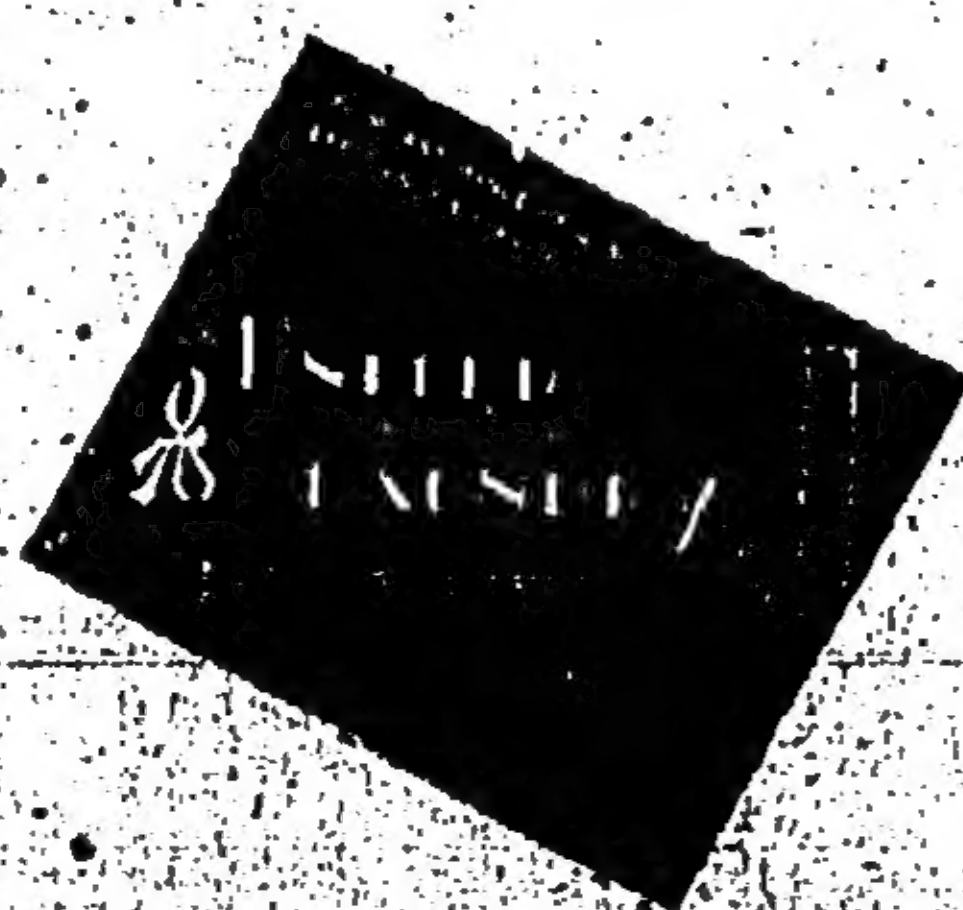
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## Sternists Return To Imprisonment

Tel Aviv, October 9.

Stern Gang terrorists who escaped from Jaffa Gool today after overpowering their guards were filtering back to the prison tonight through a cordon of Israeli police and troops.

The Sternists, numbering 187, were rounded up after the assassination of Count Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator, last month. They escaped after relatives had been refused permission to see them on their weekly Sabbath Day visit.

The prisoners thought this was a mass punishment for the beating of a prison commandant earlier this week.

One prisoner forced his way between the guards and other prisoners seized the guards and disarmed them. Matresses were thrown over a barbed wire fence and the prisoners jumped out like bees leaving their hive.

Reuter's correspondent talked with several Sternists who stood near the gate of the old Turkish prison. Some of them said that they did not want to escape just yet, but to wait for the Israeli authorities and that all or almost all intended to return after their unpremeditated dash for a "breather."

### Fired Over Heads

Guards and police outside the prison fired over the heads of the escaping men for about 15 minutes, but then gave up the attempt to halt the mass escape. One prisoner was wounded in the leg by a bullet but there were

no other casualties. The Sternists denied that they used firearms saying the guards' weapons were merely confiscated.

Reuter's correspondent saw Sternists who were diligently trying to return to the prison but could not pass the police barrier through lack of documentation.

When he left the prison area, the military police were trying to reassert their authority and meeting with co-operation on the part of the prisoners.

Two of the Sternists had been for swim, had coffee at a local Arab cafe and were now taking their ease inside the prison and idly watching supplies of beer being brought in by the guards.

Correspondents were surprised at the Israeli authorities' attempt to hush up the incident.—Reuter.

## Arab Govt Still Not Recognised

Cairo, October 10.

Recognition by Arab League member states of the newly formed Arab Government for Palestine still remains undecided despite the intense political activity in Arab capitals.

Muzahem Al Fakhshi, the Iraqi Premier, told reporters before going to Amman that the question of recognition would be thrashed out at a meeting of the Arab League Political Committee to be held some time this month.

Iraq will not recognise the Arab Palestine Government, he added. The Iraqi Premier had a long talk with Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem, under whose presidency the Arab Palestine Government was formed at Gaza on September 22.—Reuter.

## Colonial Govts Must Repress Communism

London, October 10.

Britain in the coming months must direct the attention of Colonial Governments to the importance of repressing Communist agitation whenever it rears its head, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, said in an address here, closing the African Conference, which has been in session for a week at Lancaster House.

"In the colonial territories," Mr. Creech Jones said, "we are faced with a menace which comes from a propaganda which is alien to the principles and values which are important to Western civilisation, and the civilisations which have grown up in the East as well.

"We are opposed to it because it is an evil thing and it is an alien to the great principles which have actuated our civilisation up to now," said the Colonial Secretary.—Reuter.

## Quake Victims Evacuated

London, October 10.

Radio Moscow reported that the 6,226 persons wounded in last Tuesday's earthquake in Turkmen, Soviet Socialist republic, had been evacuated to hospitals.

It said that the inhabitants of Ashkhabad, Turkmen's capital, and the adjacent towns have been cared for in communal feeding centres.

It said that planes brought about 10 tons of concentrated foods to the stricken area and lighting facilities have been restored and railways resumed their normal schedules.—United Press.

## SCAP APPROVES NEW GOVT

Tokyo, October 10.

It was understood in Tokyo today that General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander, raised no objection to the right wing Democratic Liberal Party heading a new Japanese Government when he conferred with the party leader, Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, last night.

Further developments were expected tomorrow. Mr. Yoshida will now certainly form such a government, political observers here believe.

The only effect of any delay will be to defer action on the controversial national public service law — including anti-strike provisions — which is due to go before an emergency session of the Diet tomorrow.

The Government of Mr. Hiroshi Ashida fell last Thursday after new arrests in a 2,000 million yen fertilizer loan scandal.

At a five-party conference of national political leaders here, Mr. Ashida invited Mr. Yoshida to head a new Government. Mr. Yoshida replied that he felt the outgoing Premier should nominate his successor and that the nomination should be confirmed by an election. Mr. Yoshida agreed to consult with party leaders on the question and the conference then broke up.—Reuter.

## THIEF BURGLES EARL'S HOME

London, October 9.

Guidenham Hall, the Norfolk home of the Earl and Countess of Albermarle, was raided during the night and jewellery, including a valuable ring and a gold watch, is missing.

Lady Albermarle discovered the robbery when she tried to enter her bedroom and found the door locked.

The Countess was reported this week to have been appointed Chairman of the Development in succession to the Earl of Shaftesbury. She is President of the National Federation of Women's Institutes.—Reuter.

## DUTCH-INDONESIAN ACCORD PROGRESSES

The Hague, October 10.

Dutch political sources forecast today that if all went well, an interim Federal Government for Indonesia—almost agreed upon yesterday—would be inaugurated next month.

These sources expressed satisfaction at the almost complete agreement reached between the Dutch and Federal Indonesian delegations at the plenary session of their round table conference yesterday.

One of the points agreed on was that the Federal Government was to maintain law and order and that Dutch forces would not be used internally without consultation with the Government.

A new draft bill incorporating proposals to settle points of disagreement, left over from the regular conference would be presented to the Dutch Parliament this week, it was learned.

One point of dispute—the representation of minorities in the Federal Council—was settled by an agreement that in certain cases the minorities would have the opportunity to send a representative under special regulations drawn up by the Federal Interim Government and the Dutch High Commissioner.

The problem concerning the use of military forces was settled by redrafting the wording of the proposed agreement and partly by a decision that, although the High Commissioner would exercise full power over the Dutch forces, these forces would not be used internally without consultation with the Federal Interim Government.

## US Talks On Defence

Washington, October 10.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, today announced the calling of industry, labour, church and professional leaders to the first of a ten-day series of closed conferences on national defence, from November 8 to 18.

The post-election date was chosen so there would be no political import involved.

The proposed conference is to familiarise leading Americans with the "progress and attainments" of the national military establishment. Other groups will be called for similar talks later.

The working press will be excluded from all sessions. Top commanders of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are expected to address the first party. Leaders of other Departments closely identified with national security planning will be called into the discussion.—United Press.

## TRUCE HQ CITE VIOLATIONS

Haifa, October 10.

The United Nations truce headquarters today announced that the Jews were guilty of six truce violations and the Arabs guilty of eight others.

Trans-Jordan was named in three cases, the Lebanon in two, and Egypt, Iraq and Syria in one each.

The United Nations decisions dealt with 14 violations committed in recent weeks. Ten violations involved cases in which observers were fired on, one with robbing an observer, one with obstructing observers and one with the act of a naval blockade against Israeli shipping.

The last violation was unspecified.

The decisions announced today were numbered eight and 10 to 22. Case number nine was sent to the Security Council by Dr. Ralph Bunche, Acting Palestine Mediator, from Rhodes on September 29.—United Press.

## US Grants To Four Chinese

Washington, October 10.

Twelve Orientals were among 55 women students from 10 nations awarded grants by the American Association of University Women to study in the US in 1948-49.

They include four Chinese, four Filipinos, one Burmese, one Japanese and two Birmese.—Associated Press.

## Monty Calls For Instructors

Stratford-on-Avon, October 9.

Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the Chairman of the Permanent Military Defence Committee of the Western Union, called for more volunteer instructors for the Territorial Army when he spoke here today.

He attended a ceremony to mark the occasion of the granting of the freedom of the town to the Royal Warwickshire Regiment.

Thanking the borough for "the great honour you have done my regiment," Lord Montgomery said: "I regard the 2nd Battalion as one of the best in my group of armies." The regiment had maintained a close association with Stratford for a great many years and had not forgotten that Charles Dibden's song "Ye Warwickshire Lads and Ye Ladies" was first sung in Stratford streets. That occurred in 1769 at the first large-scale celebrations held in honour of Shakespeare. Ten years later, the regiment adopted the song as its Regimental March and has kept it to this day.—Reuter.

## Duties Of Czech Trade Unions To Be Expanded

Prague, October 10.

A greatly widened vista of responsibilities for the Czechoslovak trade union organisation was opened today by the Premier, M. Antonin Zapotocky, in a speech to an economic conference called by the Trade Union Council in connection with the country's five-year plan.

There was special interest here in his definition of the trade union's authority in view of the widely-held belief that the Premier, as a leading trade unionist, favours the trade union as the core of the Government system, while another body of opinion wishes to establish the Communist Party organisation as the centre of control in principle and in fact.

M. Zapotocky said the trade union movement must in future give attention to the organisation of production, to the administration of education, to agriculture and to the system of distribution.

It was the special task of the trade unions to increase productivity. "What kind of a frog is sitting on the well?" he asked. "Why is it that a great number of workers fulfil the two year plan while others do not?"

Last year, he said, the productivity of labour increased quicker than wages, but since July, 1947, an opposite trend had set in.

**Wages For Merit**  
If this were not reversed, it might not be possible to keep up

the standard of living. It was necessary to apply the principle of "wages according to merit and production."

Defending the return to the six-day working week, the Premier said the five-day week had been adopted in "misunderstanding of the right trade union and social policy and to the detriment of our production efficiency."

Declaring that full use had not been made of the possibilities brought by the nationalisation of industry, the Premier added that the productivity of Czech labour must be increased so as to exceed that of capitalist labour.

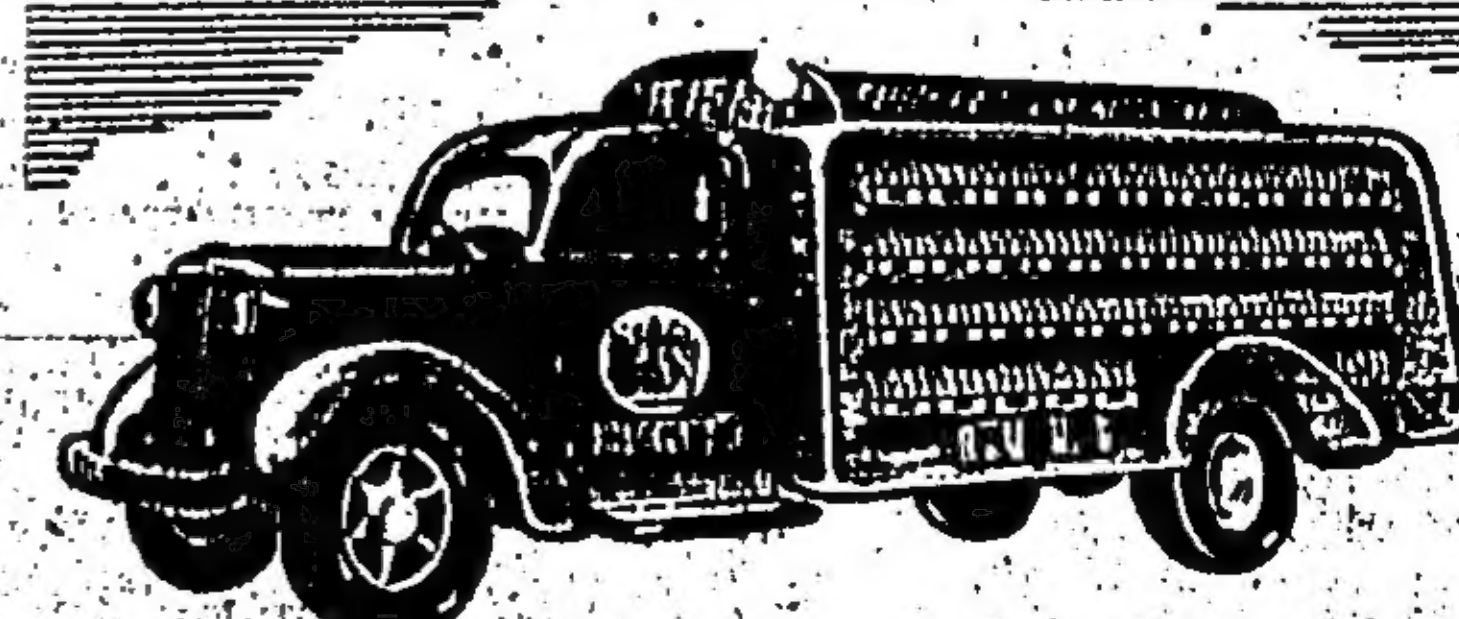
Talk of a better Socialist future was not to remain an empty phrase. "We have not yet rid ourselves of the capitalist way of viewing work, its organisation and aims of production. We are still bearing the legacies of former education with all their obsolete views and prejudices."—Reuter.

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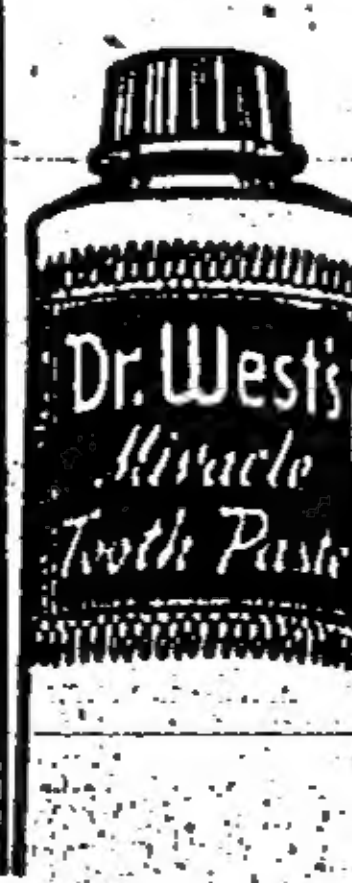
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# SHAWCROSS REJECTS DISARMAMENT PLAN

Paris, October 10. Sir Hartley Shawcross, British delegate, declared in yesterday's United Nations debate on the Soviet proposal for a one-third reduction in armaments of the Big Powers that the "peculiar customs" of the Soviet Union "precludes us from knowing with certainty the size of the Russian forces in any particular domain."

"You cannot create confidence by reducing the size of forces unless it is clear that the forces will remain reasonably proportionate to the legitimate needs of the state which retains them," Sir Hartley declared in the Political Committee.

He was reliably informed that the Soviet forces were two and a quarter times greater than in 1939.

He then repeated Britain's disagreement proposal of a year ago, asking that:

(1) "The nations should exchange information on the maintenance of their armed forces."

(2) "This information should be verified by some simple control system."

(3) "That the verification should be published in all countries."

Sir Hartley Shawcross repeated that he had some doubts about the specific nature of the proposal before the committee.

**Anything in It?**

"Suppose for a moment that the committee decided to accept the political principles involved in such a reduction, is there really anything in it, as it stands, which would cause the pull of fear and anxiety which darkens the world, and which would enable anyone to sleep more restfully in his bed?"

"The reduction of a vast army by one-third will not reduce the fighting effectiveness of the remainder. A similar reduction of comparatively small forces may put them completely out of balance and diminish their utility as a fighting force."

"You cannot create confidence by reducing the size of forces unless it is clear that the forces which remain are reasonably proportional to the legitimate needs of the state which maintains them."

"The last point I wish to make on the practical aspect of the Soviet proposal is that which does not include a similar reduction in the peacetime and armed police forces which operate to the manifest advantage of these countries known by the unpop-

ular but accurate description of 'Police States' by the British delegate asserted.

**Seeds Of Fear?**

Mr. Zygmunt Modzelewski, Polish Foreign Minister who opened the debate, charged the United States with deliberately sowing seeds of fear to justify the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan.

"It is the United States Government which is the greatest dealer in fear, the greatest exporter of dread," he declared.

"It is important for the Wall Street banks, for the cannon peddlers, for the profits in war and to sow a seed of psychosis."

Mr. Modzelewski said that the United States had bent every effort—and American effort was not something inconsiderable—to throw monkey wrenches into the machinery and wreck all chances of agreement.

"The Soviet proposal before us is a constructive draft proposal as precise and as detailed as it is possible to formulate at the present moment," he said.

**Fear Reduction**

"A reduction by a third of the world's armaments would be a reduction by a third of the world's fear, which is the danger of the world," he declared.

Poland had reduced her armaments expenditure by two-thirds as compared with pre-war budgets. This was done without a word from anyone. She was advancing towards reconstruction in seven league boots and the minds of the youth were freed from the incubus of compulsory service, the Polish delegate declared.

Bey El-Khoury (Syria) then formerly proposed a resolution which, he said, would enable the nations to mark time on the deadlock which had been reached on disarmament.

His resolution called on the Security Council to continue its study of the problem of reducing and regulating armaments with a view to achieving concrete results and urged all member states to co-operate fully in this direction.

The committee adjourned until Monday on the proposal of France's M. Paul Ramadier.

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## Burma Rebels Seize Rice

Rangoon, October 10. Burmese insurgents have seized Government rice stocks in a village east of Hsien in the Irrawaddy Delta area, according to a Government military communiqué today.

The communiqué said Government forces had recaptured a village in the Bassein district. It also reported an encounter between Rangoon and Mandalay, in which heavy casualties were inflicted on the insurgents.

The communiqué added that Government forces dispersed a guerrilla band which set fire to a village near Pakokku, South-West of Mandalay.—Reuter.

## Four Killed In Cinema

Nanking, October 10. Four persons were killed and 11 injured yesterday when the balcony of a cinema in Nanking collapsed in the middle of a show, according to a Central News dispatch from Nanking today.

One of the injured died later in hospital.

Cause of the collapse was said to be due to negligent repair.—United Press.

## S. African Indian Issue Concerns World Vitally

London, October 10.

The South African Indian question was not a domestic problem but one of vital concern to the whole world, Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, the South African Indian resistance leader, told a press conference in London yesterday.

Asserting that the need to present the truth about South Africa to the United Nations was now more urgent than ever, Dr. Dadoo said the Nationalist Government colour bar policies threatened the future of all Africa and the treatment of the Union's Indians might affect the attitude of India and Pakistan in their relationship with the rest of the British Commonwealth.

The basis of the Nationalist Government's Indian policy, he said, was that Indians were an alien element and schemes were being suggested for their "partition". He did not think India would agree to accept them as they had been South Africans for three generations, but the Nationalists thought perhaps some other country might take them.

India and Pakistan were united on the presentation of the South African Indians' case at UNO and he hoped the British and the United States governments could be more helpful than in the past.

Dr. Dadoo held his press conference at the headquarters of the India League.

He said it must be incredible to the outside world that 9,000,000 people out of the Union's population of 11,000,000 were deprived of civil liberties.

## Iberian Bastion In Event Of War

London, October 11.

Reports that the Western powers would like the assurance of a strong Iberian peninsula bastion in the event of war took on added significance on Sunday.

Possibility of tighter defensive arrangements involving Portugal, arose with the arrival of General J. F. Garros Rodrigues, Chief of the Portuguese General Staff, for military talks.

In addition, there were reports of activities in the United Nations to relax the United Nations political boycott of Spain, Portugal's neighbour.

General Rodrigues has on his agenda a conference with Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, newly appointed chairman of the Western European Alliances Defence Command.

Ever since the birth of the five-nation alliance at Brussels last March there has been speculation that Portugal and ultimately Italy would be invited to join the fold.

If such a move were initiated, it probably would come from Britain, Portugal's oldest ally.

Britain and Portugal have had a treaty of friendship and alliance since the 14th century. Portugal stayed neutral in the last war but provided air bases for the Allies in the Azores and emergency landing fields in Portugal itself.

**All Spaniards**

General Franco, in a broadcast reported from Madrid on Saturday night, declared if the Russians attacked Spain all Spaniards would fight.

"Over the frontiers peoples are debating in sterility and anarchy and still think of abandoning their wives and children to go to other continents before the attacks of the Asiatic hordes," General Franco said.

"But if ever the Asiatic horde attacks Spain," he said, "she will be defended by the arms of young and old, women and children."

In a second anti-Communist speech delivered in Cordoba, General Franco accused Russia of looting factories of neighbouring countries. Speaking at the inauguration of a group of low-cost housing units, he said that

If part of the Russian proletariat have presently a higher standard of living, it is at the cost of millions of German, Hungarian and Hungarian dying of starvation.

General Franco asserted that when Russia crossed the frontier of neighbouring countries, the Soviets looted factories and destroyed the sources of wealth, taking it to Russia.

**Aggressive Role**

The Moscow radio said American military men plan an agreement with General Franco which would give Spain an "openly aggressive role."

"Now, inflating the war hysteria to the utmost, the American militarists find the time propitious for a far-reaching military agreement with Franco Spain," said the broadcast.

The broadcast said American circles were prepared "to do away with the very principles of the United Nations, admission to which must remain closed forever to Franco Spain," in order to attain their aims.

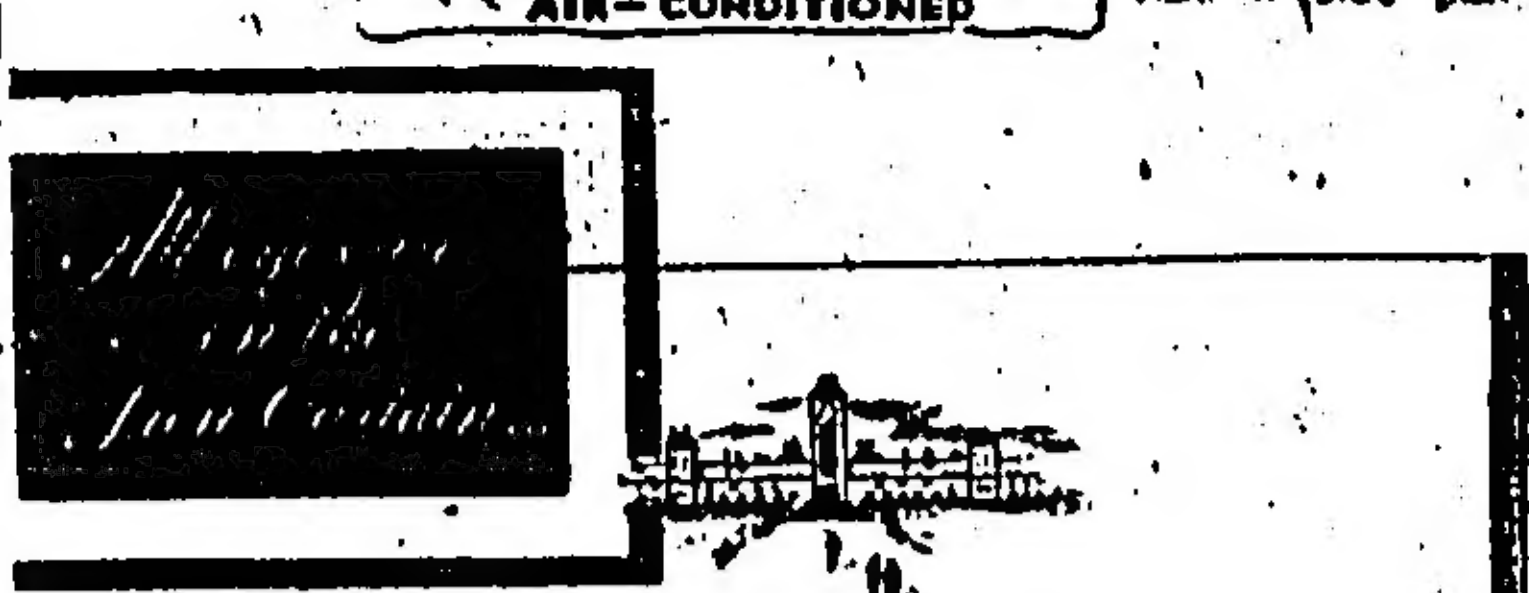
**US Attitude**

The United States Government is opposed to the United Nations resolution establishing a partial political boycott of the Franco regime in Spain, but the Americans will not take the lead in trying to have the United Nations ban lifted.

These two points were made by the United States Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, on Saturday. The 1946 resolution provides that Spain shall not have members in the United Nations or affiliated agencies that the United Nations members shall not send ambassadors to Madrid although they need not completely break off diplomatic relations.

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JULY 2—Paper work all a.m. John Liu got the map [from the Chinese staff] with the divisions of the China front marked on it. The Bureau of Military Operations refused to give him a list of commanders.

JULY 3—Madame Chiang called for my report to Washington—and got it, without recommendation. She got her on the phone and started to bowl me out. I said I should like to see her. Kept me waiting till Tony got there, brought in Pearl Chen [Madame Chiang's secretary] and took down everything I said. Obviously mad as hell. She had a cup of tea and then she said, "I should like to see you. My position: the whole thing was simply a clarification of the second of the three minimum demands, and so had passed beyond my province to comment on, till called on by my government to do so. I was called in and given the orders of Chiang Kai-shek, on the subject."

"And what would I recommend it asked?" I would study the question and recommend what was feasible and what would help win the war. If it turned out to be 800 or 1,500 planes. "But doesn't your position as chief of staff give you the right to speak up?" I repeated. I then showed her how the programme tied in with the freight line, and what 5,000 tons (the Hump) meant (304 planes, 275 crews, 3,400 officers and enlisted men on ground, five fields each end, each to take 50 transports). She began to get some light. (I took some of the onus; as a matter of fact I should have thrown the new meat on the floor at the first). But I told her I thought the G-mo wanted a soldier and not a rubber stamp or transmitting agency. And I also told her that at the first sign of lack of confidence, I wanted to go home. She had me dictate for the G-mo what I wanted to do about the message to the War Department, so I did. (I also told her the three demands had come out of a clear sky, with no opportunity for me to study or advise. Just a direct order from Chiang Kai-shek.)

Developed gut ache and had it all night.

JULY 5—Now Lauchlin Currie is coming out. They [the Chinese] asked for Harry Hopkins. They're off on the wrong foot again. Apparently, now that the G-mo [Stilwell] won't come across, Soong is sending somebody that will.

Blood count showed worms. So I swallowed five doubtful-looking pills at noon. I knew there must be something the matter with me. Full moon of "Medicine," 30 hours: spirit of peppermint; paragon; sulfathiazole; cough syrup; vitamin pills; magnesium sulphate; luminal; hypodermic. Feeling better!

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

aged the 4-engine bomber transport [scheme] by saying we didn't want them. I won't ask for anything, so of course the War Department won't send it. In general, I'm an a.s.b. I think it right back at them, telling them what I had asked for, and inviting attention to priorities and tonnage allotted for May to October period. Explained the gas bottleneck, and the aircraft bottleneck. Madame cooled off rapidly and finally came down to a walk, but I'm afraid I am the war suspect. Also, I'm afraid the War Department is using me as a whipping boy. "In a lump, blame it on Stilwell."

JUNE 30—Lo Cho-fang in. Long talk about India. He was more concerned about the name of the centre than about the training. Worked on back papers. Gradually clearing up.

JULY 1—Conference. Madame Chiang, Chou and Mao (of the Chinese Air Force) Chennault, Russell, and I. All rigged beforehand. "How many planes do you want, Mag?" "200, with 20 per cent monthly replacements." "How many do you want, Chennault?" "300, with 20 per cent." "All right, now we'll tell Washington, and T. V. will put on pressure, and General Stilwell can get busy and tell them, too." (In substance.) This was an elucidation of the second of the three minimum demands. What they want now is P-51s or P-47s, or as third choice, P-39s. That's all. They ignore entirely the limit on stocks of bombs, ammunition, and gas. As Madame says, "We won't talk about that. That's your job to get it in."

Madame made a bad break. She got me alone, and said she wanted to go to the States soon, and that she would shove off when I had "gotten a good start with the G-mo"—I'm to be a Chinese, a stooge that plugs the U.S. for anything and everything they want and then she fell in—"And we're going to see that you are made a full general!" The hell they are.

Instead of making allowances for unexpected crises, the Chinese just abuse us for not doing more. They have got away with bluff and abuse, and apologies from the President and Chief of Staff. Now they get hot over the heavy bombers going to Egypt and present the "Three Minimum Demands"—three U.S. divisions in India, 500 combat planes, and 5,000 tons a month [over the Hump], all by the end of August! Utterly impossible, but they think we'll promise it. The alternative is that they will "make other arrangements." "China cannot go on without help." "The pro-Jap activity is very strong." Trying to throw a scare into us. I think they are making a bad mistake. The President's answer was quiet and dignified and promised nothing.

Madame wanted me to transmit the clarification of the 500-plane point, with recommendations, and give her the gist of the message. I take the stand that it's still an ultimatum from the Generalissimo to the President, and so beyond my province. Took the occasion to explain my status as (1) chief of staff for G-mo; (2) commanding general of United States Army Forces of the China-Burma-India theatre with responsibilities outside of China; (3) U.S. representative on

(2) Plan for the counter offensive. (Pass of 300 planes (in China), and 5,000 tons a month (over Hump). I threw in the artillery training scheme and it caught Chiang Kai-shek's fancy. He would think about it. Well, yes, it could be done. He'd think some more.

Then the old question of command (for the Chinese Army in India) came up. I said leave Sun (Li-Jen). "Too junior," he mumbled it over. Then he pulled out.

Madame went over the scheme again and I said Tu would have to come home. Would I accept Lo (Cho-yung)? O.K. if I controlled the training.

So she went and talked to Chiang Kai-shek and that's the agreement. I commanded: I controlled training; Lo runs administration and discipline. (It was one of those slider turn-arounds and Chiang Kai-shek even went so far as to say we could send in 30,000 [Chinese troops to India] by the 15th of December. I said, "CHOW! CHOW! How to handle Chinese commanders. (Chiang Kai-shek speaking.) "I have to lie awake nights, thinking what fool things they may do. Then I write and tell them not to do these things. But they are so dumb, they will do a lot of foolish things unless you anticipate them. This is the secret of handling them—you must imagine everything that they can do that would be wrong and warn them against it. That is why I have to write so many letters." (Apparently, my dig got under his skin, and he felt called on to explain himself a bit.)

In late June, an incident occurred that was to signal the long personal struggle between Chiang and Stilwell. This was the sudden withdrawal of American air units from India to bolster the perilous situation in the Middle East, where Rommel beat on the gates of Alexandria. When this happened, Stilwell found himself suddenly confronted with a Chinese ultimatum—the famous Three Demands: Chiang demanded that three United States divisions be dispatched forthwith to the Burma front; that 500 planes with concomitant replacement be assured him; and that the United States guarantee him 5,000 tons a month of airborne supplies over the Hump by August.

This ultimatum was presented to the United States with guarded threats of Chinese defection from the Allied cause. At this time—the end summer of 1942—all the resources America could spare from her own campaigns were going to the embattled British at Cairo and the Russians at Stalingrad. Three U.S. divisions were nowhere available. Plane production had not yet hit its stride. Transport carriers designed to fly the tremendous heights of the Hump had not yet been designed and worn-out C-47s were bringing into China approximately 100 tons a month. The American government was forced to reject Chiang's demands, and Chiang's incandescent wrath was focussed on Stilwell.

From then on, though Chiang's suspicion of Stilwell fluctuated in intensity, it was never to rest permanently. His longing for Stilwell's removal was conceived in Stilwell's mind at the same time, grew the feeling that they were webbed about with plot and conspiracy. A message of President Roosevelt to Chiang firmly supporting Stilwell was never delivered to Chungking by the Chinese Embassy in Washington. Distinguished emissaries flew from Washington to soothe and placate Chiang, but Washington failed to offer the China theatre even a minimum of the supplies necessary for waging war. The CBI theatre had a priority listing lower than that of the Caribbean. Stilwell was left to argue the Chinese Army into reorganization and battle by persuasion alone.

JUNE 25—Bang! Brereton to go to Egypt with all the heavy bombers and all the transports he needs. Banet The A-29s are to be held at Khartoum and diverted to the British. Now what did I say to the G-mo? We fell in our commitments, and blithely tell him to just carry on, old top. The AVG is breaking up, our people are dead slow about replacing it, the radio net operators don't arrive, and our boys are brand new at the game. All we have on the record is the sad Lashio show. (The first American bombing raid on Lashio by B-25s; nine B-25s set out on this mission from India, planning to bomb Lashio, and then land in China. Only two planes landed successfully in China, the radio operator of one of them dead at his panel.)

JUNE 26—(11:00 a.m.) Put the hard word on Chiang Kai-shek. He was primed, I believe. Said the President had assured him the Tenth Air Force was for use in China. Why, then, was part of it diverted without notifying him? He was fed up and couldn't believe the President knew the facts. In any case, I was to radio and ask for Yes or No on the question, "Is the U.S. interested in maintaining the China theatre?" (So I did.)

(5:00 p.m.) Madame called Long radio from T. V. (Soong). Now I'm the villain. I sabotaged the [Chinese] transport grab by saying we couldn't use more than 100 [transport planes]. I sabo-

But he double-crossed me in Burma. He never gave me (the) kuan tang (official seal) as tsung tsu ling (commander) in chief. He worked direct with Tu, Liu Wei, and Hou. He did not act on Yu Pei-hong or Yu (89th Division) or Tu.

He has never taken the trouble to answer my memo I have given him. He won't clean up the Chinese Army.

The question now is, What do I do next? Just sit here, or resign?

JUNE 21—Better and better now. Appetite improving. Doc brought some candy. Radioed Brereton: No women to China.

JUNE 22—Surprise radio from T. V. Soong (in Washington). Through Madame (Chiang). Enlisted a bucket of soft soap all over me. First word I've had from him. It seems they all listen to me in the U.S. and won't get busy and while the War Department to keep on sending stuff to China. Maybe he has had word of the serious shipping situation. But something is up and some leverage may come out of it.

JUNE 24—Madame Chiang at 5:00. She made a few cracks and I came back at her. Chiang Kai-shek came in early.

Conference started badly. (Chinese) troops in India just rest and I look out for them. Get busy on the Big picture (1) (2) Plan for stabilisation as is.

of it. A clear-headed realisation of these facts will lead to certain conclusions.

The most important is that at the United Kingdom end must be abandoned the habit of saying that "we cannot afford to lose man-power" and that at the Australian end must be abandoned the idea that "we don't want newcomers who will compete with the native born."

Nor can we deal with the migration problem in isolation. In truth it is the problem of the re-distribution of Empire population. It cannot be considered apart from the overwhelmingly important problems of Empire defence, of Empire development, of shipping, of the movement or establishment of industries.

Clearly a good deal of useful collaboration has been going on between British Empire countries on matters of Empire defence. It would be unnecessary and indeed unwise for anybody to require publicly the details of such collaboration. But as a British family we should make it publicly clear to the world's peace that we shall stand together in the defence of the things we believe in, just as we have already done twice in this century. Valuable as a round declaration is, however, it must be pointed out that a complete concerting of Empire action in the future will to a material extent rest upon the perfecting of Empire communications.

There has been opposition to proposals for an Empire Secretariat on the ground that any centralisation of Empire administration should be resisted. Let us recognise this opposition, whether we agree with it or not. It still leaves open the important possibility of having a decentralised Empire Secretariat. By that it is meant that there should be, for example at Ottawa, an Empire Secretariat containing representatives not only from Great Britain but from all Canada's sister Dominions; that there should be a similar secretariat in South Africa, and in Australia, and so on.

The point to be emphasised is that the one set of circumstances under which there might be basic Empire disagreement would arise from the taking of a decision in London which had not been fully discussed, and with full information, at the right time with the British Dominions. On these and other issues a great lead may be given and indeed great decisions made by the Conference which is now about to meet. If it takes its opportunity, speaks with fire and in positive terms, and lays strong foundations for practical and urgent co-operation, this great Conference may alter the course of history, and do a great service to mankind.

JUNE 16—Hotten day. Felt worse than any time during the siege. Little better at night.

JUNE 17—Two weeks of this goddam jaundice. All Mendelsohn can suggest is to go away.

JUNE 19—A Chinese general (name deleted) came in. Asked him if Chiang Kai-shek could be moved (to attack Burma). He said I might be able to do it—certainly nobody else could. Reflected that no one dares tell him anything unpleasant. "In Ying-chia is the leader of the military group but he does not dare tell the G-mo there is anything wrong." Asked him if the G-mo was really worried. He said "in his heart" he thinks he is, but he is putting on a big front of being in full control. The Chinese government is a structure based on fear and favour, in the hands of an arbitrary man. It is a structure with family and financial ties and influences, which could easily tear it to pieces if pulled out. Faced with emergency, it has no alternative but to go on, and none of these interlocking interests predominate to the extent that any one of them could take over and clean house, even if the necessary patriots were present. Only outside influence can do anything for China: either enemy action will smash her or some regenerative idea must be formed and put into effect at once.

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call to action is that it should be heard and understood; the defect of too many expositions of the present economic crisis is that they never reach the true and inner consciousness of the ordinary work-a-day individual without whose labours there can be no recovery.

Whatever a Prime Ministers' Conference says on great matters is world news. It will instantaneously reach a great audience. If it is in itself dramatic, it may have dramatic results, and today dramatic results are needed.

We hope for an effective family consultation on the future of Empire trade and productive development. We have fallen into two errors in our post-war trade negotiations. One is that we have pursued the will of the wisest of multilateral charters of trackless vagueness, which ignored the truth that it is much more sensible for two nations with mutual understanding and interests in common to make a special bargain with each other, and keep it, than for each of them to look for 50 or 60 nations to make a general bargain, the practical results of which nobody can foresee.

The second error is that we have too readily accepted the ultimate abolition of Empire preference, which has proved its value, has helped to stimulate world trade, and, after all, merely seeks to establish among Empire countries an economic co-operation falling far short, for geographical and national reasons, of the complete internal free trade of the USA or the Soviet Union.

We got our strength from unity. We shall lose it only by disunity.

We hope to see the migration problem put in its proper perspective. So far it seems to have been regarded in isolation, as something to be discussed and dealt with—to take Australia as a sample—by an Australian Minister for Immigration at one end, and some particular Minister at the other.

Between the census of 1921 and that of 1933 the population of Australia increased by approximately 22 per cent. Between 1933 and 1947 it increased by approximately only 14 per cent. Since 1933 the rate of net annual increase has fallen to under one per cent.

But there is another feature, more significant. The birthrate falls, but medical skill and public hygiene improve. There are fewer recruits to the national population, but they live longer. In round figures, in 1940: 40,000 out of every million of Australians were aged 65 years and over. By 1948 this figure had risen to 78,000. By 1975 it is estimated that it will be 120,000. This is a grim prospect for a nation which believes that most of its active and developing life is in front

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## DEATH

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Mrs. M. C. de Roza and family thank all relatives and friends for their kind condolence in their recent bereavement, attendance at the funeral and floral tributes.

## COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

A conference of Dominions Prime Ministers is a notable event. Some feel that this one might with advantage have occurred earlier; British people have occupied too much time on relatively vague international projects and too little on matters of practical family consultation. But let us forget that now. The Conference which opens today comes at a time of immense and dramatic significance for the world. There has never been a more important setting for a meeting of the highly accredited and authoritative representatives of the British family of nations. This is, above all, a time for a ringing declaration of our essential unity. We have devoted too much time to the assertion of our independence of each other.

The time has come to notify the world, and in particular those who threaten the world's peace, that on all the great matters which touch and concern the freedom of man and the defence of his untrammelled spiritual growth the British are one people.

But, apart from this, what do we look for in a Prime Ministers' Conference, this 1948 symbol of unity? Many of us will hope to see the Conference clarifying the minds of British people everywhere on the question of Western European Union. It is foolish to talk about some legalistic European federation as practicable. It is equally dangerous to settle down into an attitude of blind opposition to co-operation between the Western European Powers. But there are many sincere lovers of the British Empire who feel uneasy about Western European Union.

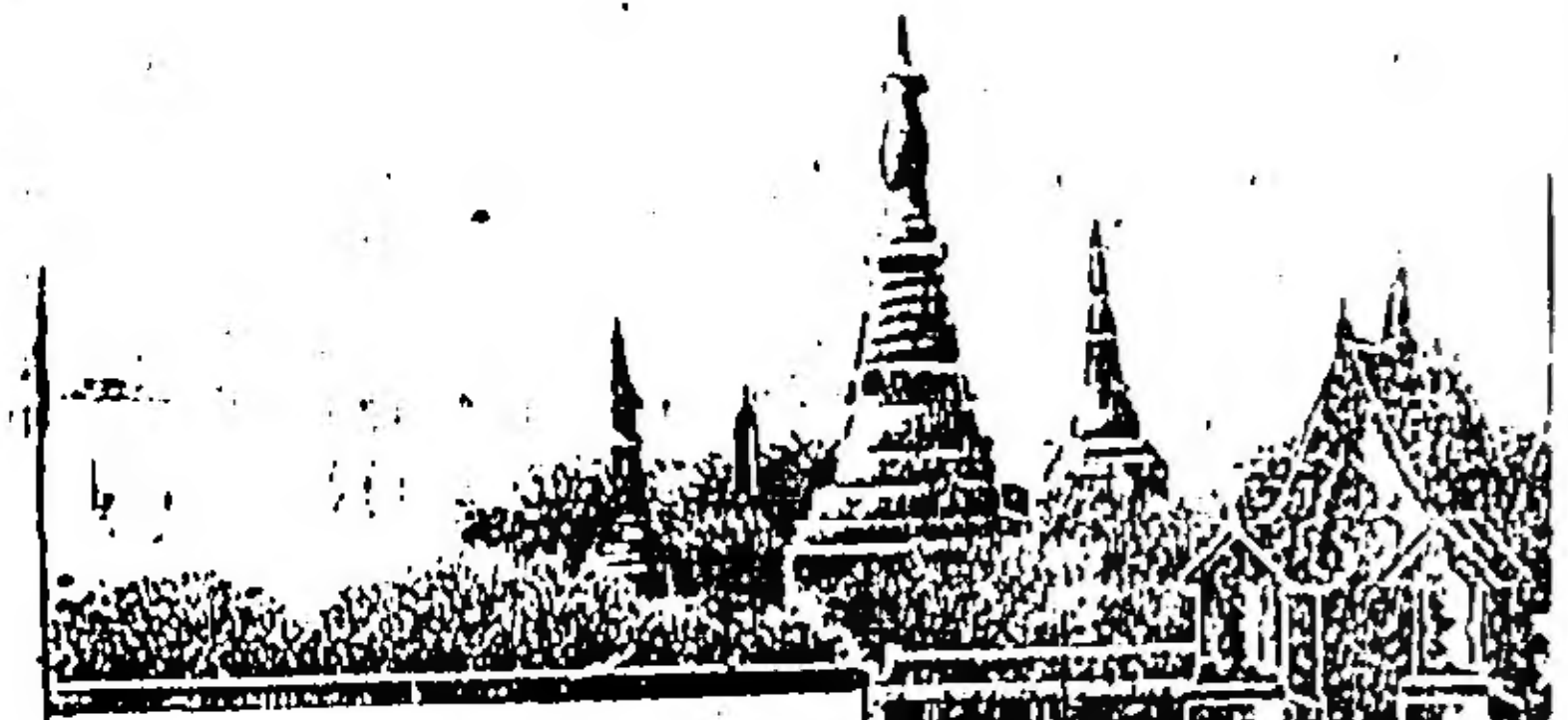
It would be a great service to the world if the Conference of Prime Ministers could indicate that in a growing association between the Western European Powers on practical problems, leading step by step to increasing co-operation, a more intelligent living together, and perhaps ultimately to organic association, there would be found something not hostile to the interests of the British world but greatly to be desired by it. The brotherly preference and mutual aid which British countries extend to each other we should certainly not deny to those Western European Powers whose present divisions and disorders are so inimical to the survival of civilisation.

We hope for a clarion call to all British peoples for a concerted productive effort by all British countries. The importance of the call cannot be over-estimated. The people of Britain in 1940, with France collapsed, with the triumphant hordes of Germany just across the Channel, had all the courage in the world. But it needed the call of a Churchill to give it form and direction; to touch it to great issues and to great endurance.

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# Premiers To Discuss Mass Migration Plan

London, October 10.

Prime Ministers of the British Empire convene on Monday to consider among other problems demands for an Empire wide master plan to facilitate mass migration from this overcrowded island.

The Premiers think that Britain, the arsenal of the Empire, is wide open for an atomic knock-out in case of war.

Present British official policy is to leave the question of "to go or not to go" up to the Dominion governments on one hand and the individual migrant on the other.

But the Premiers of the Dominions most directly affected—Canada, Australia and New Zealand—are expected to give the problem a high priority, and to be highly vocal in their support of a new regulation directing that would be British migrants be "screened" by a new Immigration Council of South Africa in London.

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## Political Value

Commonwealth countries in London also undergo the political value of a levelling out of Britain's population, emphasizing the two-way benefits resulting from the infusion of British blood into the veins of far flung Dominions. Advocates of centrally planned and aided migration generally agree that Britain, with a present population of about 50,000,000, can profitably strip down to about 35,000,000.

The reduction, they argue, would cut the United Kingdom's dependence on food imports from abroad, decentralize super-concentrated industries and increase the "Britishness" of the Dominions.

Britain's man in the street has been casting his vote by making over a million inquiries to the Immigration Office of the Dominions in London. Nearly 500,000 names are down for migration to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada and the numerous "groundnut" project of Tanganyika alone.

## Difficulties

Official British sources stress that under planning at the centre presents difficulties in:

(1) The widely differing needs of the Dominions.

(2) The thorny political situation in South Africa where the pro-British Smuts Government was ousted in May by the anti-British Nationalist party of Dr. Malan.

(3) The fear that public opinion in the Dominions might bridle at dictation from Whitehall.

To the Parliamentary demands for a plan, the Under Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, P.C. Gordon-Walker, replied:

"The government wants to encourage and facilitate the flow of emigrants to various parts of the Commonwealth, but do not force anyone to go. There is only one provision: they (the government) reserve the right to check too great a flow of certain types of skilled workers."

Later he said it was not for the government to promulgate advice to would-be emigrants because it would be resented by the Dominions whose affairs it is.

Master plan proponents counter by pointing to population figures showing Britain has 740 persons per square mile while Canada has three and Australia two.

## Hiroshima

They point to the massed industry in the Midlands and warn that the arsenal of the Empire is a vulnerable arsenal indeed when the Hiroshima devastation is used as a yardstick.

According to Mr. Calwell, Australia wants a 20,000,000 population instead of her present 7,500,000 and he makes no bones about the reason.

"If we do not populate Australia quickly with people of our own stock and Europeans of our own choice, we may get our 20,000,000 sooner than we think—20,000,000 invaders."

Latest figures as given in Commons indicate that Australia, hampered only by the shortage of shipping space, seeks to import 70,000 Britons a year of any category, professional or artisan, skilled or unskilled.

New Zealand wants 5,000 productive and servicing workers a year with no sign so far that her absorbing capacity is in sight.

Canada's needs are also unlimited. She wants all types of skilled and agricultural workers and women ready to go into domestic service.

## Curtain Descends

Malan's South Africa, on the other hand, is causing confusion in Whitehall. On September 10, opposition leader Field Marshal Jan Smuts warned:

"Judging by appearances it seems that the curtain is going to descend on this country and there will be no further immigration."

Opposition newspapers charged that the Malan Government was trying to circumvent the country's immigration act by quickly but effectively strangling it with red tape. They pointed to a new regulation directing that would be British migrants be "screened" by a new Immigration Council of South Africa in London.

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## HOTTER FRONT OF COLD WAR IN ASIA

New York, October 10.

The "Times" editorial today said: "While the eyes of the world are focussed on the cold war in Europe, with Berlin as the critical centre, a broader, hotter and, in the long run at least, equally decisive front of that war has now spread across another and larger continent, with ominous potentialities for mankind."

"This continent is Asia, whose leading nation, China, is observing the 37th anniversary of its Republican revolution in the midst of a devastating, steadily-expanding civil war."

"The Communist conspiracy is at work through Asia as it is throughout Europe and the Americas. It has already brought virtually all Manchuria and Northern China under Communist domination, and is still expanding and spreading."

"It has stirred up strife or tried to take control of Burma, Malaya, Indo-China, Indonesia and the Philippines."

"It is stretching out its tentacles into Japan, India, Iran, while seeking to play off the Arab and Islamic world against each other. But its main effort is in China which, on a Congressional Committee found, is a decisive battlefield."

"For whatever may have been true in the past, it is surely true of the present struggle that as China goes so goes Asia. And with Asia and half Europe closed to the West, it is difficult to see how the Western world, reduced to small minority, could hope to survive in freedom."

"For that reason, the Chinese struggle against Communist conquest is our struggle as well. No detached observer regards the Chinese National Government as perfect. It has its weaknesses, its corruption, its overgrowth of concentration of personal power."

"But it has made progress toward democracy and there is hope it can make more if it survives, whereas there is no hope at all that a Communist-dominated regime will make, or even plan or desire to make, such progress. We have to make our choice. We dare not let Chiang Kai-shek and his countrymen lose their struggle by default."—United Press.

## Shell Company Sues Union

Martinez, California.

A suit for \$3,200,000 damages has been filed by the Shell Oil Company against the Oil Workers Union, members of which have been striking against major oil companies for 30 days. The suit also asked \$35,000 a day as long as the strike continued and an injunction to halt alleged violence.

The suit contends that violence has increased to such an extent that the company has ordered non-striking employees not to enter the refineries.—Reuter.

## SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

Paris, October 10.

The meeting of the Security Council called for tomorrow has been postponed indefinitely and the Berlin dispute has returned to the highest-level diplomatic negotiations.

The Council is not expected to deal with the question again for several days.

It is now possible to reconstruct from various sources the sequence of the delicate negotiations on Berlin which have taken place here during the last week.

On Wednesday, after the last meeting of the Council, the President (Dr. Juan Bramuglia, of the Argentine) and the five other members of the Council met in a closed session to discuss the latest developments.

Dr. Bramuglia is now, therefore, awaiting replies to his various questions from all four capitals.

When he receives these replies, he will have to communicate with each of the four envoys here separately, and then inform his six committee members, who will have to set about the task of finding a formula to fit the case.

Diplomatic circles here regard one thing as certain: the formula must not contain the word "blockade" because the Soviet Government does not recognize that any blockade exists.

The committee will have to draft a resolution which will call on the two parties to resume direct negotiations, as provided in Chapter 6 of the Charter, and to overcome all technical and other difficulties in the way of resuming such talks.

All this will take time and United Nations officials do not expect the Council to meet again before Wednesday or Thursday.

Unless there is a serious hitch in the present behind-the-scenes negotiations, the Council meeting will merely give its formal blessing to the negotiations.—Reuter.

## Liaison

The problem was how to break the deadlock. Dr. Bramuglia conveniently provided the answer. Under cloak of the so-called "neutral" committee of the five Security powers not concerned he was able to act as liaison between M. Vyshinsky, the Soviet delegate, and the three Western representatives.

On Thursday, Dr. Bramuglia saw the Western powers, and was told that they would not discuss a Foreign Ministers' meeting under the duress of a blockade.

He was also assured that no temporary lifting of the blockade would be accepted.

Then, on the following morning, he saw M. Vyshinsky and asked him whether the Soviet Union would be prepared to lift the blockade and join in new talks simultaneously.

M. Vyshinsky said that he would ask Moscow, and this was regarded as an encouraging sign.

Yesterday, Dr. Bramuglia saw Dr. Philip Jessup, the United States representative, Sir Alexander Cadogan, of Britain, and M. Alexandre Parodi, of France, separately. He asked them whether they were prepared to sit down to a Foreign Ministers' meeting.

## Husband Is Foiled Again

Sydney, October 10.

An Australian ex-serviceman, Frank Weaver, 22, who married a Japanese girl, is being kept under day and night guard in the motorship Westralia, which is due in Auckland today.

The military authorities on the Westralia are taking no risks with Weaver, who three times this year has returned to Japan to see his Japanese wife. A New Zealand journalist on board the ship reported:

"Besides being under constant guard, Weaver is handcuffed to a soldier each afternoon as he exercises around the deck. Three other soldiers stand by ready to act if necessary. The prisoner is not permitted to speak to anybody except his guards."

Weaver is being returned to Australia to serve six months in goal for forging Army documents which he used to return to Japan.—United Press.

## SPANISH SOCIALISTS ISSUE PROGRAMME

Paris, October 9.

The restoration of democracy in Spain, the elimination of totalitarian influences and adherence to the Western Union and the Marshall Plan were called for today by the Spanish Socialist Party in exile.

The call was made in an eight-point programme issued to the world press in Paris, where the United Nations faces the prospect of a first class political battle on the Spanish issue.

The statement said Spanish Socialists and other anti-totalitarian groups had reached an agreement to bring about a solution of the Spanish political problem.

Britain's announcement on Thursday that exiled Spanish Socialists and Monarchists had signed an agreement on future policy has been followed by the bitterest anti-British attacks in the Spanish press since the early days of World War II.

The Spanish Charge d'Affaires in London delivered to the Foreign Office today a protest about the publicity given to the Socialist-Monarchist agreement. It was reluctantly ignored.

While several behind-the-scenes moves are being made in Spanish political circles, parallel diplomatic activity is going on in the lobbies of the Palais de Chaillot, the meeting place of the United Nations General Assembly.

Several Latin-American delegates have been meeting informally during the last few days. They are understood to have secured at least 12 of the 20 Latin-American votes in favour of admitting Spain to the United Nations.

This new bloc is expected to have into action as soon as the Spanish question comes up on the Political Committee's agenda. In 1940, the General Assembly recommended all its members to withdraw their Ambassadors from Spain, but several Latin-American countries have not complied with the recommendation.

## Deeper Purpose?

Senor Alberto Artalejo, the Spanish Foreign Minister, left Madrid today by special plane for the Argentine, ostensibly to repay the visit to Spain last year of Senor Eva Peron, the wife of the Argentine President.

Reuter reports from Buenos Aires, however, said observers there believed the mission of the Spanish Foreign Minister may have a deeper purpose, coming as it does immediately after Peru's decision to reinstate her Ambassador in Madrid.

It is known that the American Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, discussed the Spanish question a few days ago with Mr. Ernest Bevin and M. Robert Schuman, the British and French Foreign Ministers.

There is reported to be a feeling in the United States Government that Spain might be admitted to one or two of the United Nations' specialized agencies to which non-members are eligible.

Any such move, which would be strongly supported by the Latin-American bloc, would, however, run into violent Soviet opposition and less violent resistance from other quarters, and there are even some Latin-American countries, like Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica, who are critical of the Franco regime.

## Frank Discussion

In Lisbon, Mr. James Farley, former Chairman of the American Democratic Party who recently saw General Franco in Madrid, visited ex-king Umberto of Italy today, and later called on the Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr. Salazar.

After his interview with Dr. Salazar, Mr. Farley told Reuter: "We frankly discussed the main problems confronting the world at the moment, particularly in European countries, and I was delighted to see our views were substantially the same."

"I told Dr. Salazar my view that the Allies should not abandon Berlin and that the United States should continue a firm policy towards Russia."

"Some of the problems I had discussed with General Franco were also discussed with Dr. Salazar," Mr. Farley said, however, that he did not discuss with Dr. Salazar the possibility of Portugal joining the Western Union defence system, or any military matter.

He added: "Dr. Salazar is extremely well-informed on world problems and I answered him many questions on matters I had learned during my present tour of Europe."—Reuter.

## 'History Tragic, Prospect Bleak'

New York, October 10.

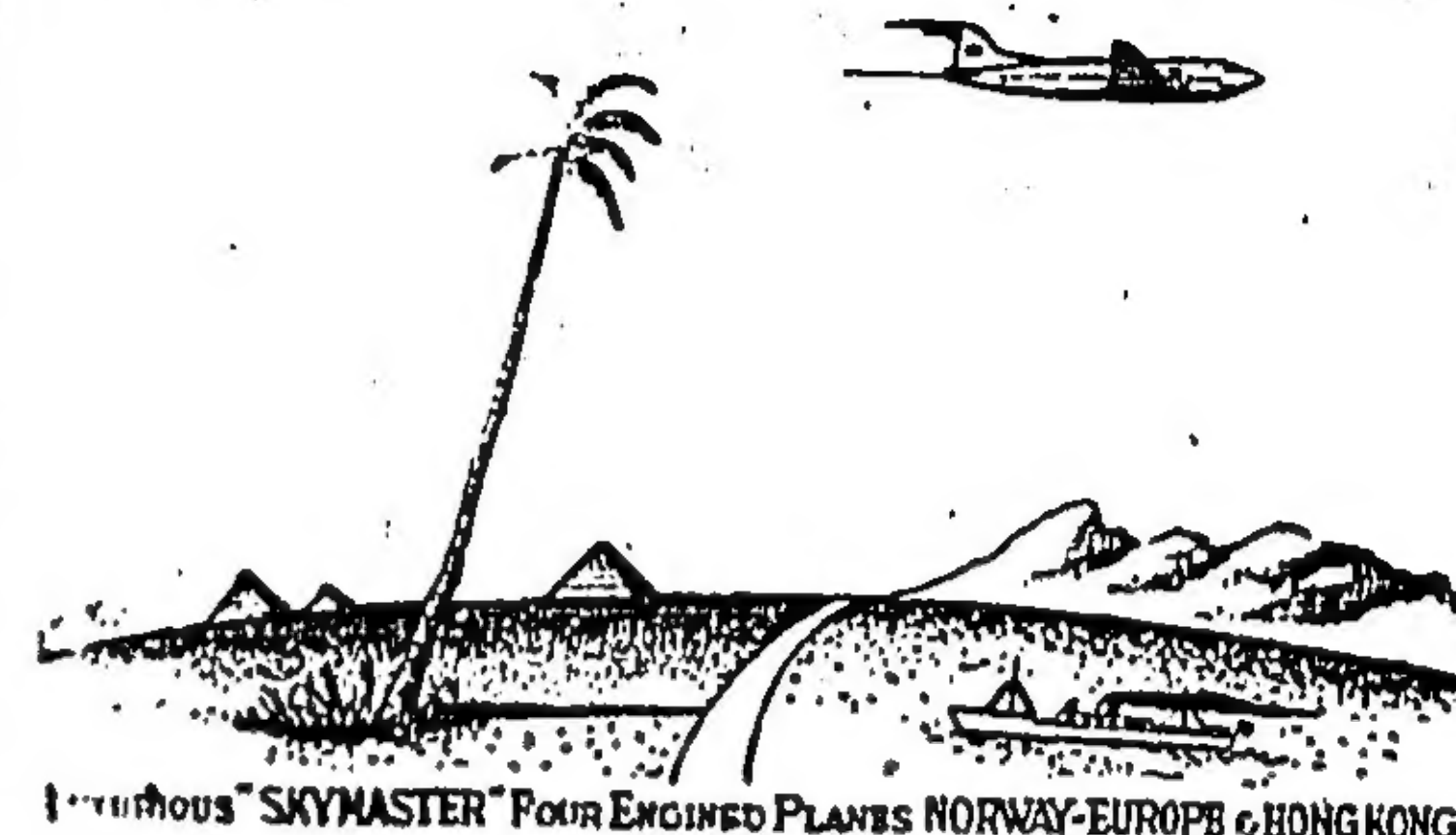
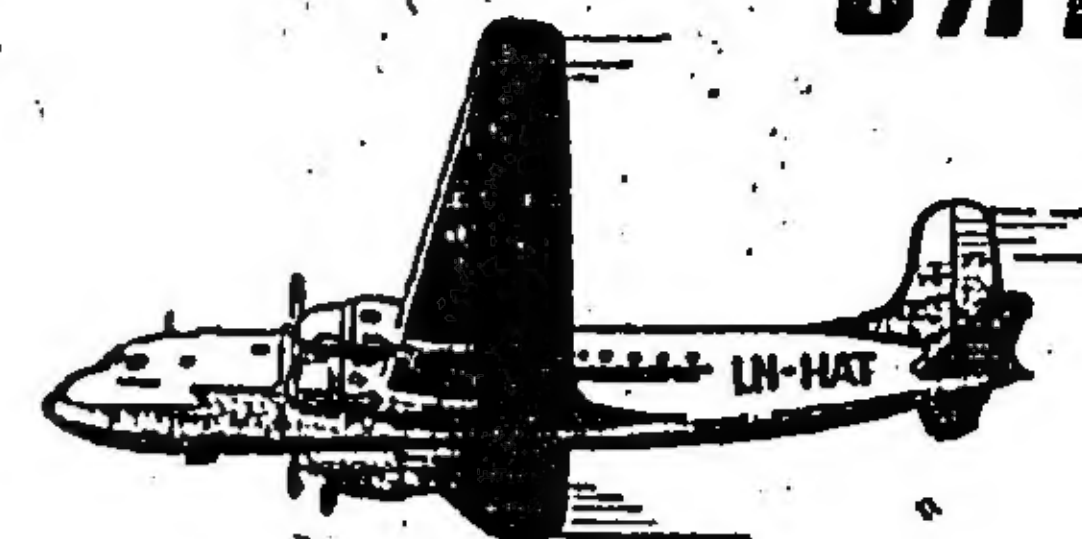
The "Herald Tribune" editorial on the Double Tenth said: "The history of China since the founding of the Republic has been a tragic one and the immediate prospects are bleak."

"Despite all this, however, many Chinese continue to struggle against dreadful odds to create a nation of the kind Dr. Sun Yat-sen envisioned more than a generation ago."

"These Chinese are scattered here and there, in Government offices, in universities and elsewhere. They find little to brighten their outlook, except the hope that on some day, perhaps in the distant future, a few of their dreams will come true."

"Men of this kind, with such magnificent courage, deserve far better treatment by outrageous Fortune than any they have experienced so far."—United Press.

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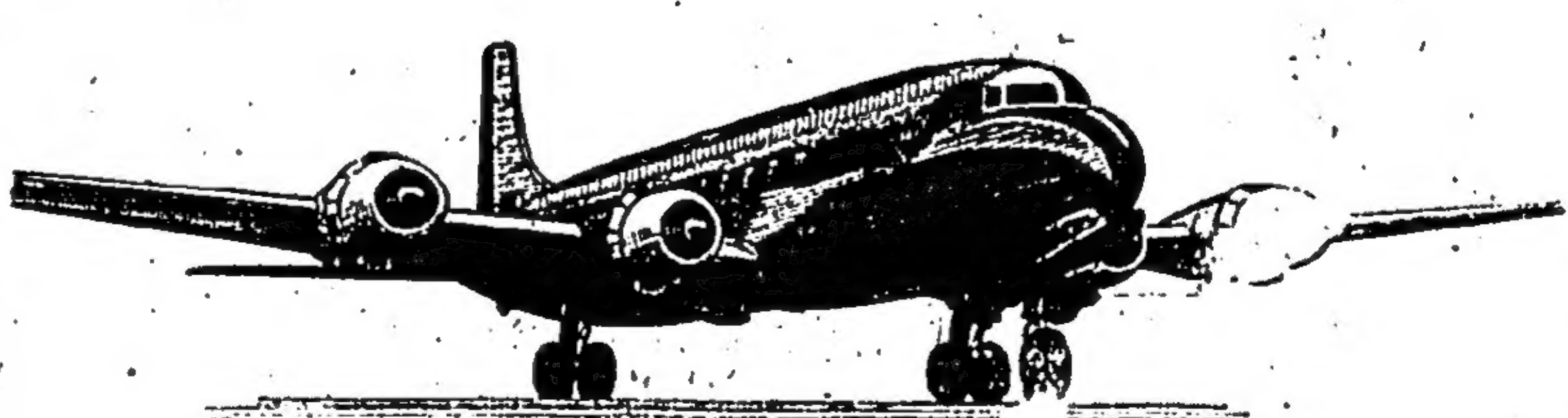
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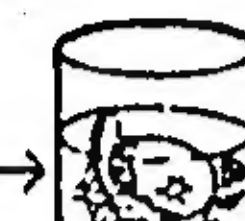
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## Situation Unfavourable To Government Admits President Chiang

Nanking, October 10. President Chiang Kai-shek, in a most frankly worded impromptu speech today, admitted that the present military situation was unfavourable to the Government.

He underscored his admission with a stern warning that the situation was likely to deteriorate further but reiterated his firm belief that the Communists will never succeed in China.

The President sprang his surprise admission and warning on a gathering of over 400 high officials in a Double Tenth celebration meeting after a 10-day trip to the North China and Manchurian fronts.

He ascribed the main cause of the unfavourable turn in the military situation to the "unhappy, unwholesome, unhealthful" on the part of Government workers and people.

Originally, he said, it was planned to wipe out the Communists south of the Yellow River within this year. However, he pointed out, not only that had not been accomplished but on the contrary "we lost Tsinan. Personally I feel ashamed of this."

### May Get Worse

He said that though the Government suffered reverses the important thing was "we must not be afraid of reverses." Efforts should be redoubled or else the situation is likely to get worse and worse.

The President said that despite their expanding power the Communists were meeting popular hostility wherever they went. This, he said, was why the Communists will never succeed in China. But, the President warned, the war against Communism is going to be a long one.

He said that though the Manchu dynasty had been overthrown and the Japanese aggressors driven out, China's national existence is not yet secure. "It is now threatened by the Communists whom he made clear were fighting for a foreign power."

Concluding, the President urged redoubled efforts in seeking progress and building up new strength for implementation of Dr. Sun Yat-sen's principle of

nationalism to ensure Chinese independence.

As President Chiang spoke in the Government House big crowds turned out in the streets to celebrate the 37th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Republic.

Two hundred and forty-nine couples were married today in a mass wedding sponsored by the New Life Movement—United Press.

## Red Fighters Harass Chinese Airlift Planes

Shanghai, October 10. For the third time in four days Soviet fighter planes tried unsuccessfully to force down an American-piloted Chinese civilian transport on airlift shuttle to isolated Mukden, airline sources reported today.

The American pilot, Gene Porter, was flying a Central Air Transport Corporation freight plane from Mukden on October 8 when a "dry" attack by Soviet fighters took place 20 miles West of Port Arthur which the Soviets are reported to be using as a naval base. Porter ignored the Russian signals and reached Tientsin safely.

According to word reaching Shanghai, Porter described the attack as "violent" with the Soviet planes diving and buzzing the craft for nearly 15 minutes. Porter pulled up into the clouds. The Russians pursued him and made eight to 10 dives fairly close to the CATC plane before

## Record Crops In Britain

London, October 11. Record crops in Britain are indicated by a report issued by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The wheat crop is estimated 2,250,000 tons, about a ton to the acre.

The barley crop is better than average for the past ten years and larger quantities will be available for brewing of beer and the distilling of whisky for export.

A record potato crop is also expected.—Reuter.

## MORE FLIGHTS TO TOKYO FROM US

San Francisco, October 10. Beginning Sunday Pan American Airways will operate three flights weekly between San Francisco and Tokyo. The airline had been flying two clipper weekly—leaving San Francisco Tuesdays and Fridays.

The third flight will leave San Francisco on Sundays, arriving in Shanghai and Tokyo on Tuesdays.—Associated Press.

## MUKDEN MAY BECOME ANOTHER CHANGCHUN

Mukden, October 10. If nothing is done to relieve the economic plight of this city, informed observers here believe Mukden will fast become another Changchun.

Food is regarded as the decisive key to Mukden's future. At the beginning of this year people here were mostly concerned with the possibility of an all-out Communist attack. Today the scarcity of food and skyrocketing prices are foremost in their minds.

In strict military terms, it can be argued that Mukden is a besieged city under potential attack. As long as this threat remains the population will have to suffer.

It is estimated the Nationalists have 250,000 troops in and around Mukden. The nucleus of these troops is the American-trained and equipped New First and New Sixth Armies. Military observers here rate these troops high in morale and ability which, they say, can be kept up only if the troops are fed.

### Five Reasons

The defence of Mukden by the government is said to be important for the following reasons:

(1) As long as the Nationalists have a foothold in Manchuria they block any plans the Communists might have for consolidation of this tremendous land mass.

(2) The Mukden arsenal, built by the late Manchurian warlord, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, is one of the biggest in China.

(3) The Fushun coal mines, which have the biggest open-pit mines in the world, are under the protection of the Mukden troops.

(4) Mukden is China's greatest industrial centre and ranks as one of the largest in the world. Although much equipment of key industries was stripped by the Russians and Chinese Communists during their occupation, there still is a great amount of machinery which would be invaluable to the Chinese Reds.

(5) The Nationalists in Mukden pin down a certain number of Red troops which otherwise could be used in other parts of China.

### Aphid Plague

One of the hardest blows to the food situation here was an aphid plague late last July and early August which destroyed 62 per cent of Mukden's kanlian.

All Mukden's heavy industries—coal mines, electric power works, arsenal, railway, machine shops and rubber plants—are barely limping along. The main reason for poor production is widespread malnutrition among workers.

Mukden's industry employs about 100,000 workers but about 80,000 have not the strength to show up for work.

The Fushun mines should supply Mukden between 50,000 and 70,000 tons of coal monthly but because of absenteeism the figure is around 20,000 tons monthly.

As a government official shrugging his shoulders said: "The situation in Mukden has not changed in the past six months but has become one thousand times worse."—United Press.

## More Food For Changchun

Nanking, October 10. The Prime Minister, Wang Wen-hao, today ordered General Wei Li-huang, to increase the supply of airborne food to Communist-encircled Changchun where the starvation toll was reported to be climbing alarmingly.

Reports reaching Nanking said the food situation in Changchun, which has been blockaded by the Communists since January, is becoming more intolerable. Cannibalism and bark eating is said to be prevalent among the population which is now thinned by starvation and evacuation to half its original size of 750,000.

The Prime Minister's order was issued at the request of Manchurian members of the Control Yuan. Premier Wang asked General Wei to divert immediately essential military rations stored in Mukden to starving Changchun. Meanwhile, in Mukden itself, the Government has decided to issue special "military ration certificates." The certificates will be redeemed between March and August next year.—United Press.

## Rome Rally Broken Up

Rome, October 10. More than 20 persons were injured when the police broke up a neo-Fascist rally of 3,000 youthful members of the Italian social movement at the tomb of Emperor Augustus in downtown Rome.

The rally was called on the eve of the trial of ex-Marshal Rodolfo Graziani for war crimes. The neo-Fascists, including a number of war veterans, gathered at the tomb to hear their leader, Ciriaco De Santis.

At the height of the rally, jeep-riding police swinging truncheons charged into the crowd.—United Press.

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Wahoos 23 Pirates 3  
(called after 4½ innings)

**JUNIOR LEAGUE:**  
Braves 3 Jaguars 2  
Rangers 5 Rexes 11  
Wildfires 11 Black Hawks 10

### Two Victories For Recreio

Club de Recreio beat Macao in an unofficial tennis inter-club match by nine games to one.

On Saturday, Recreio lost a Men's Doubles match but won the Mixed Doubles event. On Sunday Recreio made a clean sweep in the Men's Doubles winning all five matches.

Sunday's results were:

W.A. Reed and J.B. Gonsalves (Recreio) beat J. Dayal and H. Rodrigues 6-2, 7-5.

J.J. Remedios and H. Gonsalves (Recreio) beat A.H. Mello and Wei Chung H.I. 6-1.

C.A. Noronha and R.A. Muniques (Recreio) beat A.P. Jorge and Dr. Vital 6-6, 6-3.

H.A. Noronha and H.A. Alves (Recreio) beat A.J. da Silva and Chan Wai Tin 6-6, 6-0.

P.M. Ribeiro and A. Yanovick (Recreio) beat H. Nolasco and A.R. da Silva 9-7, 6-0.

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Playing before a large crowd on Sunday the Braves drew first blood in their private feud with the Jaguars with a 3-2 nose-out in the late innings. The Wahoos, holders of the Ladies "China Mail" Shield, overwhelmed the Pirates 23-3 in a four and a half inning game, called by Plate Umpire Sabu Samy to allow the subsequent game between the Rexes and Rangers to be played off on schedule.

In the Senior League clashes, the Madcaps easily accounted for the Philippines with a 15-1 trouncing and Hong Kong Baseballers earned a 15-9 victory over Chung Hwa.

V.R.C. played impressive ball to beat Khalsa 15-4. St. Joseph's who turned out in full were in the form of the day and requested a postponement.

In the other Junior League tussles, the Rexes out-hit Rangers for an 11-5 triumph. The youthful Black Hawks were just shaded 11-10 by the Wildfires, although the former outfit displayed creditable performance for players averaging 13 years old.

No quarter was asked for or given in the minor loop "grudge" game as both the Braves and the Jaguars settled down to air-tight holding right from the start.

Both sides chalked up four hits, including a Jaguar third-sacker Gerry van Langenberg's out-of-the-park homer with one aboard. In spite of this distance blow, four costly Jaguar errors—three of which were committed in the damaging second inning—were responsible for their downfall.

**Erratic Pitcher**  
Chappy Remedios on the mound for the victors fanned three and walked one, while A.H. Azavedo losing the rubber for the losers whiffed two and walked four on erratic pitches.

Tony Silva led off for the Jaguars but popped out. Emil Leon followed with a single but was nabbed at second base by hindsighter "Pecky" Remedios' bullet peg, and Frankie Correa flied out to end the chapter.

The Braves could do no better in their half of the initial frame as Tony Osmond and Junior Remedios both lifted fly balls to leave Ed Remedios stranded at third base with a potential run.

The Jaguars returned to their usual batting form in the next chapter when Gerry van Langenberg slugged a four-bagger that easily cleared the fence for the first home run of the season at the C.B.A. Nelson Souza followed with a single and plattered second and third in succession.

Lione Sequiera's single drove Souza home for the second run of the inning. The Braves were by no means daunted. Taking advantage of a Jaguar lapse of three errors, they managed to push the equalizer across before a brilliant double play by Tony Silva.

Gerry van Langenberg smothered further attempts. Neither side could make further headway—in the third and fourth innings, but in the second half of the fifth, the Braves had a scoring chance when a walk and a well-placed bunt put two runners on base, with only one out.

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## Hockey Games On Sunday

The following are the results of Sunday's Hockey Association matches:—  
Dutch H.C. 2 R.A.F. 0  
D'yard R.C. 5 Cable and Wireless 1  
University 1 Army 4  
Navy 1 Khalsa 1

## Lawn Bowls Singles Tourney

Four matches in the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship competition will be decided this week.

The Competition Sub-Committee of the Lawn Bowls Association has also arranged for two quarter-final matches in the Open Pairs Championship to be played off.

The programme follows:

TOMORROW

(QUARTER-FINALS)

J.A. da Luz and R.F. da Luz vs. A.E. Contes and B.W. Bradbury at K.B.C.C. at 4.15 p.m.

L.J. Silva and J.F.V. Ribeiro vs. W. Hong Sling and A.M. Omar at K.B.C.C. at 4.15 p.m.

OPEN SINGLES

K.M. Omar vs. F.X.M. da Silva at K.C.C. at 5.15 p.m.

C.S. Rozelet vs. D.A. Rozelet at K.B.C.C. at 5.15 p.m.

THURSDAY

OPEN SINGLES

J.S. Landolt vs. W.C. Ogley at K.B.C.C. at 5.15 p.m.

J.A. da Luz vs. R.F. da Luz at Recreio at 5.15 p.m.

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## Do Not Have Money To Burn

Warrington, October 11. The United States Air Base authorities at Burton Wood, near Warrington, have issued a statement counter-acting the local prevalent among Britons that American soldiers have "money to burn."

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The latest financial news from the United States would seem to put any prospect of a business recession a long way off.

True, slumps, when they come, have been known to develop suddenly out of an apparently fairly cloudless sky, and a fall from a dizzy height is far more painful than one from a lower plane; true, also, that the prophets of doom have been predicting a sharp recession for the past 18 months.

The United States Department of Commerce survey of business trends during August, however, stated that the trends pointed to continuance of the present high rate of economic activity. And the latest statistics of the Federal Reserve Board show that large sections of the business world agree with this point-of-view.

The statistics show that in one week, the weekly reporting member banks of New York City increased their commercial, industrial and agricultural advances by \$149 million to a total of \$5,543 million—a record high, the previous peak being \$5,445 million at the end of December last year. This rise in business borrowings was accounted for by new loans to public utilities, finance, tobacco and petroleum products concerns besides a variety of other advances.

## Rise in Deposits

In addition, the investments of these banks also expanded during the week in question in response to a substantial rise in deposits—which found their way largely into Treasury bills—and were instrumental in increasing total earnings assets by \$359 million. Department of Commerce economists expect industrial investment in plant and new equipment to remain at the present high rate for the rest of the year. (Some financial circles both in the United States and Britain expect the rearmament programme to spread it over a much longer period.)

United States national income statistics also seem to point to continued good business. In the second quarter of 1948, the national income rose to a record annual rate of \$22,400,000,000, according to the Commerce Department, the income rate for the April-June period being \$6,300,000,000 above the first quarter rate, and \$18,900,000,000 higher than the figure for all of 1947.

Continuing high incomes, the Department said, are keeping demand high, and industrial prices continued to advance during the quarter, somewhat offset by a downward trend in agricultural prices. Workers' wages and salaries rose to an annual rate of \$133,000,000,000 in the second quarter of the year, compared to \$127,500,000,000 in 1947. Corporate profits rose from \$24,700,000,000 in the first quarter of the year to \$30,000,000,000 in the second.

## More Construction

Easing of the materials shortage and additions to the labour force also brought increased construction activity during August, according to the Department. All this seems to add up to an indication that if a United States business recession is around the corner, it is a long way around it, and the major factor for which may affect industrial production is the United States steel-piling programme.

The present, rather leisurely method of completing the programme, it is indicated, may be switched to more hasty means, which could easily mean that

## Schilling May Be Devalued

Vienna, October 9. Usually well informed banking circles here stated today that the dollar exchange value of the Austrian schilling may soon be halved. The sources stated that negotiations are in progress to change the exchange rate from 10 to 20 schillings to the US dollar, in order to boost Austrian exports which are hampered by the present artificial high rate. It is hoped that the revision may also curb the present large scale black market dealings in currency.—Reuter.

## Rita Will See A Lot of Ali

Hollywood, October 10. Prince Ali Khan, son of the Aga Khan, has come to Hollywood, and the film star, Miss Rita Hayworth says she intends to see him often. He has taken a home here and plans to stay for some time. Miss Hayworth seems to be about the only person in Hollywood who knows where he is. "Yes, it's true he is here," she told reporters yesterday. "Yes, I intend to see him. We plan to see each other a lot." Ali Khan met Miss Hayworth at Cap Antheim, on the French Riviera, this year. He and Miss Hayworth toured Spain and Portugal while she was visiting the Continent last summer, and Hollywood buzzed with a possible romance. Ali Khan is married but separated from his wife, Miss Hayworth is still the legal wife of radio and screen producer Owen Welles. She has an interlocutory divorce that will become final on November 12.—Reuter.

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### CIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Hong Kong, October 12, 1948.

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